

Senate Resolution 1265

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending James Francis "Jim" Martin for his vital role in community
2 leadership; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James Francis "Jim" Martin is a native of Atlanta and he grew up in a family
4 of six boys; he graduated from Atlanta's public school system and attended the University
5 of Georgia where he was freshman class president and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity; he
6 earned his bachelor's degree, Juris Doctor, and LL.M. from the University of Georgia and
7 a Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Martin served our country nobly as a member of the United States Army
9 and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim is married to Joan Martin, and they have four children and three
11 grandchildren; he also is a conscientious family man of deep and abiding faith and serves as
12 an elder at Atlanta's Morningside Presbyterian Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Martin won a special election to the Georgia House of Representative in
14 1983, and served nine consecutive terms as a member of the General Assembly; during his
15 tenure, he was chairman of several committees including the Judiciary Committee and the
16 Human Services Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Jim Martin was appointed commissioner of the Georgia Department of Human
18 Resources by the Governor in 2001, was a senior research engineer at the Georgia Institute
19 of Technology, served as chief legal officer of the Georgia Public Defender Standards
20 Council, was an executive fellow at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia
21 State University, and serves as a delegate on the City of Atlanta's Planning and Advisory
22 Board; and

23 WHEREAS, Jim Martin was awarded the Silver Certificate from the Acoustical Society of
24 America and the Prize Paper Award from the IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Jim Martin was elected and has served as chairman of Atlanta Neighborhood
27 Planning Unit-Q for more than nine years; and

28 WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Planning Unit system was established by the City of Atlanta
29 in 1974 to provide an opportunity for citizens to actively participate in planning the city's
30 future by serving as members of citizen advisory councils that make recommendations to the
31 Mayor and City Council on zoning, land use, and other planning issues in order to help make
32 the best decisions to meet the needs of individual communities and the entire city; and

33 WHEREAS, Jim believes in giving back to his community and has been active in public
34 service for most of his personal, professional, and political life, serving as an advocate for
35 improving the city's infrastructure, reducing crime, providing affordable housing, creating
36 educational opportunities, and encouraging business development to help sustain Atlanta's
37 neighborhoods so that they are safe and viable places to live, work, and play; and

38 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the many contributions and
39 accomplishments of James Francis "Jim" Martin be appropriately recognized.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize James Francis "Jim" Martin, commend him for his service to this city and state,
42 and extend best wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to James Francis
45 "Jim" Martin.