

Senate Resolution 14EX

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Halpern of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Ira Katz; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, owner of Little Five Points Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia, Ira Katz is the winner
3 of the 2021 National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Willard B. Simmons
4 Independent Pharmacist of the Year award; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the NCPA is the voice for the community pharmacist, representing more than
6 21,000 pharmacies that employ 250,000 individuals nationwide; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ira Katz received the award on Monday, October 11, 2021, at the NCPA's 123rd
8 Annual Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the annual award is given to a pharmacist who exhibits exemplary professional
10 leadership, service to community, and commitment to independent pharmacy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ira Katz opened the Little Five Points Pharmacy 40 years ago, and he has been
12 recognized over the years for the contributions he has made to his profession and community;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, as a pharmacist committed to reducing the number of lives lost due to opioid
15 overdoses, Ira Katz understands the importance of community education when it comes to
16 opioid safety; and

17 WHEREAS, Ira Katz has been an NCPA member for more than 20 years, demonstrating his
18 commitment to the prosperity of pharmacies within the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, he is chairman of the board of the Georgia Academy of Independent Pharmacy
20 (AIP), where he has been a board member for more than 25 years, and he also serves on the
21 AIP Alternative Income Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, he further serves as a member of the Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA),
23 serving on its Governmental Affairs team.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize Ira Katz for being named the 2021 National Community Pharmacists Association
26 Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year and for his service as a community
27 pharmacist to many Georgians.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ira Katz.