

## Senate Resolution 174

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Donald R. Thomas for 58 outstanding years of medical  
2 practice; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service in the medical profession and the Georgia General  
9 Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia in  
11 Augusta and completed his internship at the General Hospital in Augusta, where, among  
12 other things, he learned to deliver babies and perform tonsillectomies; and

13 WHEREAS, he started his own medical practice in 1963 in an old house on Cleveland  
14 Highway and formed the Whitfield Medical Association with Dr. Eddie Marlow, Dr. Bill  
15 McDaniel, and Dr. Bob Simmons; and

16 WHEREAS, as a state senator, Dr. Thomas played a fundamental role in passing legislation  
17 that made smoking in most public buildings illegal, and he also led an effort to require  
18 pickup truck drivers to wear seat belts; his experience as a doctor and concern for the state's  
19 youth inspired his fight for both bills; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
23 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize and commend Dr. Donald R. Thomas for 58 outstanding years of medical practice  
26 and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Donald R.  
29 Thomas.