

## Senate Resolution 209

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gary W. Black on his outstanding public service; and for  
2 other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, he has 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 as commissioner; and

9 WHEREAS, as the 16th commissioner of agriculture for the State of Georgia, he  
10 implemented disaster relief efforts for Georgia farm families in the aftermath of Hurricane  
11 Michael, one of our nation's most devastating weather events; and

12 WHEREAS, he further led the development of the nationally recognized Georgia Grown  
13 brand, opening opportunities for small business dreamers, expanding trade across the globe,  
14 and building bridges with culinary and school nutrition professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, numerous commodity and business groups have recognized Gary W. Black for  
16 his leadership and contributions, including the Georgia Restaurant Association, Leadership  
17 Georgia, and the Georgia Pest Control Association; and

18 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
19 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom  
20 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
21 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Gary W. Black has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and  
25 unyielding commitment to excellence have set the standard for public service; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend Gary W. Black for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
30 public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
31 health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gary W. Black.