

Senate Resolution 216

By: Senator Bethel of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Judge L. Gale Buckner upon the occasion of her retirement from state
2 government; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge L. Gale Buckner, appointed Commissioner of the Department of
4 Juvenile Justice (DJJ) by Governor Nathan Deal and confirmed by the Board of Juvenile
5 Justice, is a native Georgian; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Buckner graduated from Georgia State University with her Bachelor of
7 Science in Urban Life in 1981, and she received her Master of Public Administration from
8 Brenau University in 1987; and

9 WHEREAS, she is a 1992 graduate of the FBI National Academy's 169th Session and was
10 a delegate to Israel in 2003 for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange
11 program; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Buckner was appointed as Commissioner of the DJJ in November, 2011,
13 where she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the multifaceted agency that serves this
14 state's youthful offenders up to the age of 21; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Buckner was appointed Executive Director of the Governor's Criminal
16 Justice Coordinating Council by former Governor Roy Barnes in July, 2000, and she served
17 in this position until her appointment to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles in January,
18 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, she had a lengthy career with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation starting in
20 1981, in which she served as Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge of the Atlanta field office
21 for multiple criminal activities, Director of Personnel, and Director of Legislative and
22 Intergovernmental Affairs, where she served as liaison to the General Assembly of Georgia

23 and the United States Congress and advocated the passage or nonpassage of legislation as
24 well as appropriations oversights; and

25 WHEREAS, Judge Buckner retired from DJJ in November, 2012, to assume the post of
26 Chief Magistrate Judge in Murray County in the part of the state where she began her law
27 enforcement career at the Chatsworth Police Department in 1978; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the innumerable hours that this dedicated
29 individual has spent serving the citizens of this state through state government be recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Judge L. Gale Buckner for the incredible legacy of service and progress that she
32 leaves behind upon the grand occasion of her retirement from state government and wish her
33 health and happiness in the future.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge L. Gale Buckner.