

## Senate Resolution 309

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Orrock of the 36th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ralph Stokes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, as a result of his distinguished career, natural leadership skills, training, and  
3 talent, Ralph Stokes now serves as vice president of diversity, partnerships, and community  
4 relations for PGA Tour Superstores, the largest golf specialty retailer in the nation; and
- 5 WHEREAS, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, PGA Tour Superstores has grown from just  
6 three stores to 58 superstores due in no small part to his exemplary oversight and efforts; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as further testament to his remarkable achievements, he has acquired the  
8 industry's highest professional designations during his career, including CLU, FLMI, MHP,  
9 and HIAA; and
- 10 WHEREAS, beginning his business career as a group sales representative for Provident Life  
11 and Accident Insurance Company, he has previously served as director of sales and  
12 marketing for Healthsource Inc. and most recently as senior vice president of sales for  
13 CIGNA Healthcare of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, his community involvement includes his service as president elect of the  
15 Georgia State Golf Association, vice chairman of the TOUR Championship Golf Tournament  
16 at East Lake Golf Club, and member of numerous civic and professional boards; and

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

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize and commend Ralph Stokes and extend their most sincere best wishes for  
27 continued health and happiness.

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 Ralph Stokes.