

Senate Resolution 44EX

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Mack Wilbourn establishing Mack II Inc. and
2 recognizing his avid investment in the Atlanta business and nonprofit community; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mack Wilbourn has been a staple of the Atlanta business and nonprofit
5 community for over 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Wilbourn became one of the first minority McDonald's franchisees
7 in Atlanta, quickly growing his business to four McDonald's restaurants and over 150
8 employees; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn is the owner and president of Mack II Inc., a quick service
10 restaurant management company with popular franchises including Atlanta Bread & Bar,
11 Baja Fresh Mexican, Famiglia Pizza, Phillips Seafood, Popeyes, and We Juice It; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn became an Olympic licensee and played an integral role in the
13 event's success as an innovative color-changing glass and mug vendor for the Atlanta 1996
14 Summer Olympic Games; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn has received statewide recognition for his professional acumen,
16 winning awards such as the 2011 Corporation of the Year award from The Atlanta Business
17 League and the 2016 Corporation of the Year award from the City of College Park; and

18 WHEREAS, as additional testament to his entrepreneurial expertise, he was inducted into the
19 Atlanta Business League Hall of Fame; nominated for the Franchisee of the Year award from
20 the Georgia Restaurant Association; and inducted into the Hall of Fame of his alma mater,
21 Tucson High School; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn has served the people of this state as a board member of Georgia
23 Primary Bank, The Center Helping Obesity in Children End Successfully Inc. (CHOICES),
24 The Piedmont Foundation, The Smithsonian National Portrait Museum, and The Atlanta
25 Business League; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn, in his everlasting commitment of giving back to the community,
27 has invested in small businesses to facilitate the growth of the next generation of corporate
28 leaders; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn is a devout member of Salem Bible Church; a loving father to
30 two sons, McKenzie and Marquis; a cherished grandfather to two grandsons, Mason and
31 McKenzie Jr.; and one granddaughter, Madison.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commemorate Mack Wilbourn on his 50th year of groundbreaking entrepreneurship and his
34 service to the Atlanta business and nonprofit community and wish him many continued years
35 of success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
38 press.