

Senate Resolution 812

By: Senators Esteves of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Merritt of the 9th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Pedro Marin on his outstanding public service
2 as a member of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Pedro Marin was first elected to serve House District 96 in 2002
4 and is retiring after 22 years of service; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a native of Puerto Rico and is one of the first Latinos ever elected to the
6 Georgia General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, he has a legacy of leadership in fighting for issues important to the Latino
8 community, including stopping gang violence and graffiti, being part of the legislation that
9 changed the state flag, stopping racial profiling, and fighting against legislation targeting
10 specific communities; and

11 WHEREAS, he is the dean of Gwinnett legislators having served in public office for 22
12 years, and as the former chair of the Gwinnett House Delegation, he led a diverse and
13 dynamic group of legislators in representing the interests of Gwinnett County whose
14 population is close to one million; and

15 WHEREAS, leadership is the hallmark of his political and professional career; and

16 WHEREAS, since arriving to Georgia in 1995, he has leveraged his skills in marketing,
17 strategic planning, relationship building, negotiation, and intercultural relations to build a
18 successful consultancy firm while also continually lending his talents to bring together
19 diverse communities to address issues of mutual concern; and

20 WHEREAS, during his years of serving on important committees such as the House
21 Economic Development and Tourism, Banks and Banking, Science and Technology and
22 Industry and Labor, he has established himself as a thoughtful, pragmatic statesman who
23 continually tries to push for policy capable of improving lives both in his district and
24 throughout the state; and

25 WHEREAS, his leadership has been recognized by numerous local, state, and national
26 organizations that include the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund,
27 Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, and Korean American
28 Chamber of Commerce, to name just a few; and

29 WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Gwinnett United Way, Gwinnett Habitat for
30 Humanity, National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, and Selective Service System
31 among others; and

32 WHEREAS, he has been serving at the national level in the National Hispanic Caucus of
33 State Legislators Executive Committee from 2003 to today, has been Vice President for
34 Public Policy twice in 2014 and 2018, and he was the Legislator of the Year in 2011; and

35 WHEREAS, when not conducting the people's business, he enjoys time with his wife
36 Nereida traveling, gardening, and honoring his son who passed away in 2017; and

37 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction as a member of the House of
38 Representatives, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the
39 occasion of his retirement.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize and commend Representative Pedro Marin for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
42 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand
43 occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
44 happiness.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Representative
47 Pedro Marin.