

Senate Resolution 830

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Anderson of the 24th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending William "Ross" King; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William "Ross" King has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was born April 2, 1958, in Des Moines, Iowa; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1976;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, he attended High Point College (now High Point University) and graduated
9 with a double major in history and political science in 1981 and then attended the University
10 of Tennessee where he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1982; and
- 11 WHEREAS, while attending the University of Tennessee, he interned for the City of
12 Americus, and, upon graduation, began his career in public service there as administrative
13 assistant to the mayor and city council; and

14 WHEREAS, while serving in Americus he authored several important pieces of legislation
15 including the Downtown Development Authority ordinance and a coastal improvement plan
16 budget; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1984, he was hired as the first state coordinator for what later became the
18 Georgia Environmental Facilities Finance Authority; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1987, he began working at the Association County Commissioners of
20 Georgia, serving as the association's policy director and deputy director; and

21 WHEREAS, he was appointed as executive director of at the Association County
22 Commissioners of Georgia in May 2010; and

23 WHEREAS, he worked diligently and conscientiously on behalf of Georgia's county officials
24 and their communities, with a focus on public policy and advocacy, leadership development,
25 civic and community engagement, and cost-efficient programs such as insurance and
26 retirement; and

27 WHEREAS, he retired in 2017 after 30 years of efficient and dedicated public service with
28 the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
30 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
31 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend William "Ross" King and for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
36 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to William "Ross"
40 King.