

Senate Resolution 888

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Frank Poe; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Frank Poe has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
3 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
4 dramatically by his superlative service as executive director of the Georgia World Congress
5 Center Authority (GWCCA); and

6 WHEREAS, during his more than a decade of service, he has leveraged his industry expertise
7 and strategic vision in negotiations for several public and private partnerships on the
8 state-owned campus, including the College Football Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement
9 Discovery Center, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and GWCCA's new headquarter hotel Signia by
10 Hilton Atlanta; and

11 WHEREAS, under his leadership, funding was secured for a 100,000-square-foot expansion
12 to connect two of GWCCA's largest exhibition halls, creating more than one million square
13 feet of contiguous exhibit space; and

14 WHEREAS, he has further proven instrumental in securing private sector financial support
15 totaling more than \$20 million for the recent renovations of Centennial Olympic Park; and

16 WHEREAS, as a convention center veteran with four decades of industry experience, he has
17 long been respected by his staff and peers as an exemplary mentor, leader, and source of
18 inspiration; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

21 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction with the GWCCA, and his vision and
22 unyielding commitment to excellence will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his
23 retirement; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Frank Poe for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
28 service to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; congratulate him upon the grand
29 occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
30 happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Frank Poe.