

## House Resolution 1

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Naming the forthcoming new state appellate judicial complex the "Nathan Deal Judicial  
2 Center"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Governor Nathan Deal has served honorably and excellently as the highest  
4 executive officer of the State of Georgia since 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Governor Deal will take his place among the state's greatest governors when  
6 his final term of office ends in January of 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, this 2018 special session of the General Assembly of Georgia thus offers an  
8 appropriate opportunity to reflect upon the Governor's singular and significant contributions  
9 to his state and her citizens and to honor those contributions; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating with undergraduate and law degrees from Mercer University,  
11 he began a lifetime of public service in the United States Army at Fort Gordon in Augusta;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, thereafter, he started a private law practice in Gainesville, then again entered  
14 into public service, first as a prosecutor, then moving onward and upward to judge, State  
15 Senator, and Representative of Georgia's Ninth Congressional District in the United States  
16 House of Representatives; and

17 WHEREAS, during his current tenure as Georgia's eighty-second Governor, he guided the  
18 state through the throes of difficult financial times, grew local small businesses, attracted top  
19 corporations from around the globe, produced consistently balanced budgets, maintained  
20 Georgia's AAA bond rating, increased the state's "rainy day" reserve fund to more than  
21 \$2.5 billion, implemented investment in the state's transportation system, and effectuated  
22 criminal and educational reforms; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia consequently enjoys a robust business climate and  
24 economy that make possible the construction of a new state appellate judicial complex  
25 worthy of the state's top judges and justices; and

26 WHEREAS, it therefore is proper and appropriate to honor Governor Nathan Deal's lifetime  
27 of public service and dedication to the State of Georgia by naming after him the new home  
28 and symbol of justice in the state.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
30 GEORGIA that the new state appellate judicial complex, to be completed in 2019, be forever  
31 designated and known as the "Nathan Deal Judicial Center."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Fiscal Officer, under direction of the  
33 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is authorized and directed  
34 to procure and provide for the placement of any and all signs and markings as may be  
35 determined appropriate by such officers to so designate the building.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Governor Nathan Deal and to the public and the press.