

## Senate Resolution 271

By: Senators Harper of the 7th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Michael D. DeVane on the occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael D. DeVane has long been recognized by the citizens of  
4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment  
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service as Superior Court Judge of the Waycross Judicial  
9 Circuit; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University, Judge  
11 DeVane practiced law in Waycross, Georgia, and while in private practice, he served as  
12 special assistant to the Attorney General and represented DFCS; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1996, he was elected as solicitor-general for Ware County, serving three  
14 consecutive terms, and was then appointed as solicitor of the Records Court for the City  
15 of Waycross, serving from 2004 to 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue took notice of Judge DeVane's dedication and passion  
17 for the law and appointed him Superior Court Judge of the Waycross Judicial Circuit in  
18 April, 2008, where he served for eight years until his retirement on January 1, 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge DeVane's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
20 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
21 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
22 associates; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

25 WHEREAS, Judge DeVane has served with honor and distinction with the Waycross Judicial  
26 Circuit, and his vision and unyielding commitment to justice will be sorely missed upon the  
27 occasion of his retirement; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 recognize and commend the Honorable Michael D. DeVane for his efficient, effective,  
32 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the  
33 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
34 health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 Honorable Michael D. DeVane.