

On Tuesday April 27th at the Capitol:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Pierre Howard has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was born on February 3, 1943, in Decatur, Georgia, the beloved son of Pierre and Caroline Howard; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Decatur High School, Mr. Howard earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Georgia and began his legal career with the firm of Howard and Gilliland; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Howard was elected to the Georgia State Senate to represent the residents of the 42nd district and served with honor and distinction for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, a principled statesman and leader, Mr. Howard was elected Lieutenant Governor of Georgia in 1990 and, during his tenure, became the first Lieutenant Governor in this state's history to form an Environmental Advisory Council, pass ethics policy for the Georgia Senate, and appoint African Americans, women, and Republicans to serve as committee chairpersons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard put \$15 million in the state budget for land preservation on the Chattahoochee River, sponsored legislation for a permanent funding source for land preservation in Georgia, and actively opposed legislation to allow water permit trading and the destructive development plan for Jekyll Island; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous civic organizations and state boards, including the Board of Natural Resources, the Board of Trust for Public Land, the Board of the Nature Conservancy in Georgia, the Board of Fernbank, and the Campaign for Georgia Beta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has been united in love and marriage to Nancy Elizabeth Barns since April 20, 1974, and he has been blessed with two remarkable children, Christopher and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend the Honorable Pierre Howard on his selfless, efficient, and effective service to the State of Georgia.