



COMMENDATION

The Honorable John H. Ruffin
Chief Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia, we commend you on your selfless judicial service to the State of Georgia. As the first African-American Superior Court Judge for the Augusta Judicial Circuit and the third African-American Judge to serve on the Court of Appeals, you have shown that exemplary character and legal skill knows no color and have inspired many to pursue careers in the legal field.

Although Court of Appeals handles more appellate cases per judge than any other appellate court in the United State, you have ensured that every case receives individual, thoughtful consideration in a timely manner. Moreover, since 1986, you have assisted the Court of Appeals in adopting new technology and expanding the membership to better serve the citizens of Georgia.

Congratulations on the 2006 centennial celebration and thank you for your exceptional service as Georgia's icon for "wisdom, justice and moderation."



With Sincere Appreciation,

Lt. Governor Mark Taylor
State of Georgia
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