

## RESOLUTION

Whereas Mr. Donald O. Sheppard has been a member of the Georgia Association of Assessing Officials for over 30 years and,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard held the position of Principal Property Tax Appraiser with the Georgia Department of Revenue with 34 years of service,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard has been a very important part of developing, planning and teaching numerous courses in the Georgia Certification Program of which many Georgia Association of Assessing Officials members have benefited and,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard has had a long and successful career in Property Tax Administration in Georgia whereby he has advanced his profession throughout the State which he has served and possesses a vast amount of institutional knowledge in His field,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard has left a lasting legacy to many of his co-workers, associates, colleagues, and Georgia Association of Assessing members by his example of leadership and ethics and,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard has tirelessly and courageously been a strong and vocal defender of the Ad Valorem Tax and the need to administer it in a fair and uniform manner regardless of the sway of public opinion,

Whereas Mr. Sheppard has retired from the Georgia Department of Revenue effective December 31, 2010 and the loss of his passion for teaching and for inspiring his students has been felt by this profession,

Be it hereby resolved that the Executive Board of the Georgia Association of Assessing Officials on behalf of the over 1500 members of said Georgia Association of Assessing Officials extend to Mr. Donald O. Sheppard our deep and sincere appreciation for the dedication and service to this organization and our heartfelt best wishes for a successful and enjoyable retirement.

There is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Donald O. Sheppard Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Georgia Association of Assessing Officials by the Executive Board as of this date.

This Resolution is hereby presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.