

## Senate Resolution 618

By: Senator Stephens of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Donna McEntyre of Gordon County; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of and passionate advocate for Calhoun and Gordon County,  
3 Donna McEntyre was elected to serve as chairman of the board of the Gordon County  
4 Chamber of Commerce from January 2001 until January 2002, and completed that service  
5 admirably; and

6 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Donna McEntyre led the chamber to act for the benefit of all  
7 Gordon Countians by encouraging smart growth, diversification of industry, and progressive  
8 measure in transportation, education, and quality of life issues; and

9 WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the future economic success of Gordon County, the  
10 chamber completed its Joint City-County Transportation Plan, an important component of  
11 which is the proposed Union Grove Interchange; and

12 WHEREAS, driven by Donna McEntyre's commitment to excellent public education, the  
13 chamber led a successful effort to pass a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for the  
14 purpose of completing essential expansion projects for both the Calhoun City and Gordon  
15 County Schools; and

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17 WHEREAS, because Donna McEntyre understands well the importance of Hispanic  
18 integration into the population, the chamber hosted a summit for community leaders in  
19 Spring 2001 to initiate an ongoing dialogue about methods to achieve that end; and

20 WHEREAS, the revitalization of downtown Calhoun as a thriving, pedestrian-friendly, retail  
21 center was advanced through increased support for the Downtown Development Authority  
22 and Main Street Partnership; and

1 WHEREAS, as her first priority, Donna McEntyre acted as a steadfast guardian of Gordon  
2 County's treasured quality of life, insisting that while growth be encouraged, it also should  
3 be planned, never threatening the natural beauty and bounty or proud heritage that lends her  
4 community its remarkable uniqueness; and

5 WHEREAS, Donna McEntyre has led a highly successful career as a businesswoman and  
6 entrepreneur, partnering with her husband Randy, a real estate developer, to establish and  
7 operate several businesses over the last quarter century; and

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9 WHEREAS, a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Calhoun, Donna McEntyre  
10 retired in 1998 only to accept a position in the banking industry two years later that she still  
11 holds.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
13 commend Donna McEntyre of Gordon County for her contributions to the welfare of her  
14 community and this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Donna McEntyre of Gordon County.