

Senate Resolution 703

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Saluting the business, civic, and community success of H. D. "Dick" Paris of Hiawassee; and  
2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Dick Paris opened the Hiawassee Hardware Company in 1947 with one  
4 employee and limited stock; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the store has expanded three times and now employs 45 employees with his son  
6 managing the lumber and building division; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in an act of great generosity, he endowed a lecture series at Young Harris  
8 College where notable speakers of national stature speak on government and political affairs;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, he joined the board of directors of the Bank of Hiawassee in 1953, served as its  
11 president from 1955 to 1981, and has been chairman of the board since 1981; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was elected Mayor of Hiawassee in 1951 and served on the Towns County  
13 Hospital Authority for many years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is an ardent supporter of local sports, promoting the building of the local  
15 high school's baseball and football fields; and
- 16 WHEREAS, since 1984, he has been a member of the Towns County Lions Club and has  
17 been very active in promoting the Georgia Mountains Fair, including serving two terms as  
18 fair president; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he is an active member of McConnell Memorial Baptist Church; and

1 WHEREAS, the Hiawassee Hardware and Building Supply now celebrates its 55th year in  
2 business, employing local residents and providing quality products and services for all; and

3 WHEREAS, Dick Paris is an integral part of the life of his community and his many  
4 contributions are worthy of commendation.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend H. D. "Dick" Paris for his valuable contributions to the City of Hiawassee and the  
7 State of Georgia as a businessman, civic leader, and public servant.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to H. D. "Dick" Paris.