

## Senate Resolution 727

By: Senators Jackson of the 50th and Beatty of the 47th

**ADOPTED SENATE****A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending the mayor, council, municipal staff, and citizens of Lavonia, Georgia; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, comfortably nestled in northeast Georgia, the City of Lavonia is steeped in  
4 history and described as the "Gem of the Piedmont"; and

5 WHEREAS, visitors are mesmerized by the simple country lifestyle in the historic  
6 downtown, adorned by gazebos and murals; and

7 WHEREAS, the town is dotted with restored mansions depicting an inviting mixture of  
8 traditional southern hospitality yet easy access to the south's largest cities; and

9 WHEREAS, Lavonia boasts opportunities for adventuresome recreation alongside Lake  
10 Hartwell and profits from the formation and activities of the Lake Hartwell Marketing  
11 Alliance; and

12 WHEREAS, the town is ably led by its long-time mayor, Ralph M. Owens, and the city  
13 councilmembers, Thomas E. Cole, Mary L. Jackson, W. Freddie Lee, and David Whitworth;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the restored downtown city park and railroad depot attract tourists and is the  
16 setting for the romantic exchange of wedding vows; and

17 WHEREAS, Lavonia was recently recognized as a most desired community for retirement  
18 and participates in the Better Hometown program; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Lavonia has been named as one of ten "Cities of Excellence" by  
20 *Georgia Trend* magazine.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize the intrinsic beauty, appeal, and value of the City of Lavonia and wholeheartedly  
3 endorse its selection as a "City of Excellence."

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Ralph M. Owens, mayor  
6 of the City of Lavonia.