

House Resolution 1340

By: Representative Twiggs of the 8th

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body commend H. D. "Dick" Paris for his valuable contributions to the
7 City of Hiawassee and the State of Georgia as a businessman, civic leader, and public
8 servant.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to H. D. "Dick" Paris.