

House Resolution 282

By: Representatives Buckner of the 95th, Dodson of the 94th, Barnes of the 97th, Seay of the 93rd and Jordan of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Joseph Frank Thames; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Joseph Frank Thames is well-known and highly respected as a dedicated public
3 official in Lake City, Georgia, where he has improved the quality of life for his fellow
4 citizens through his longstanding service on the Lake City City Council; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was born August 20, 1918, in Forest Park, Georgia, the son of Mary Viola
6 Kennedy and Joseph Hampton Thames, whose grandfather, William Thames, was a pioneer
7 citizen of Clayton County and a veteran of The War of 1812; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has been a lifetime resident of Clayton County except for his service in the
9 Army during World War II and a short period following his marriage in 1945 to Lois
10 Elizabeth Hanes with whom he reared two children, Elaine and Neil; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he and his family have resided in the Lake City community for 45 years, and
12 in 1972 he was elected to the city council and has served continuously since that time for a
13 total of 27 years, during which time he was Mayor Pro Tempore; and
- 14 WHEREAS, under his leadership, many accomplishments have occurred, including the
15 completion of the present city hall, but he is most proud of the construction and completion
16 of the new Lake City Municipal Complex and the improved public safety it affords.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Joseph Frank Thames for his exemplary
19 public service to the citizens of Lake City and his tremendous civic contributions.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joseph Frank Thames.