

House Resolution 739

By: Representatives Reichert of the 126th, Randall of the 127th, Ray of the 128th, Lucas of the 124th, Birdsong of the 123rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Carolyn Crayton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Carolyn Crayton has earned the respect and admiration of the citizens of
3 Macon, Bibb County, and the State of Georgia through her dedicated service as founder and
4 executive director of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission and the Macon, Georgia
5 International Cherry Blossom Festival; and

6 WHEREAS, she is past chairman of the National Arbor Day Foundation and the
7 International Festival and Events Association Foundation, a past member of the Citizens
8 Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Education Committee of Georgia
9 Clean and Beautiful, a past member of the Riverfront Development Task Force, a past
10 member of the Macon Area Vocational Technical Advisory Board, and a past member of the
11 Senate Music Industry Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, she is an active community leader and serves as a member of the Southeastern
13 Tourism Society, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the Macon-Bibb County Convention and
14 Visitor's Bureau, the Macon Rescue Mission, and NewTown Macon; and

15 WHEREAS, she has been recognized and honored with numerous awards, including the Mrs.
16 Lyndon B. Johnson Award, the Queen Mother's Award, the *Ladies Home Journal* Heroine
17 Award, the Dean Day Smith Tribute to Service Award, and Georgia Clean and Beautiful's
18 Woman of the Year Award; and

19 WHEREAS, she developed the Macon, Georgia International Cherry Blossom Festival into
20 a premier event which has gained national recognition, has fostered international relations
21 and goodwill by honoring a different nation each year and bringing guests from that nation
22 to the festival, and has promoted civic pride and community involvement by the citizens of
23 Macon and Bibb County and a recognition of the true beauty of their community; and

1 WHEREAS, Carolyn Crayton has announced her intention to retire as executive director of
2 the Macon, Georgia International Cherry Blossom Festival and her outstanding efforts on
3 behalf of the festival and the community will be sorely missed.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize and commend Carolyn Crayton for her many years of
6 service to the Macon, Georgia International Cherry Blossom Festival and her exemplary
7 record of community service and extend to her their best wishes for future happiness.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carolyn Crayton.