

House Resolution 51EX2

By: Representative Sholar of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Bon Air Hotel in Bainbridge, Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bon Air Hotel in Bainbridge, Georgia, was constructed in 1901 as the city's
4 premier hotel and will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Friday, September 21, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, this historic hotel is a three-story building that originally had a commercial first
6 floor with a full-height wooden porch on the front and two upper floors of guestrooms with
7 balconies and was actively used for lodging until 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, the citizens of Bainbridge initiated efforts to rehabilitate the Bon Air in 1995
9 and successfully obtained assistance from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, plus
10 an \$80,000.00 grant from the OneGeorgia Authority to the City of Bainbridge, and a new
11 owner and developer, Hal Carter, who was committed to restoring the hotel to much of its
12 original architectural integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Bainbridge will proudly celebrate this important historic
14 preservation effort with a special community program in Willis Park and a tour of the Bon
15 Air Hotel for the enjoyment of the community and the interested public as an expression of
16 its endorsement of this very worthy community project.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and congratulate the Bon Air Hotel on its 100th
19 Anniversary and commend the City of Bainbridge and its proud citizenry on their
20 momentous accomplishment.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bon Air Hotel.