

## House Resolution 853

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ford Motor Company on its 100th Anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2003, Ford Motor Company will mark its 100th Anniversary as the  
3 innovative manufacturer that made the automobile possible for all Americans; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the first commercial automobile was advertised as the Fordmobile and had a  
5 two speed transmission, 28-inch wheels with wooden spokes, and 3-inch tires; but by 1908  
6 the classic Model T began production with an industry record of 10,660 cars in the first year  
7 and in 1909 a small shop on Ivy Street in Atlanta marked Ford's presence in Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1913 the first moving assembly line was inaugurated and a new era of  
9 industrial progress began that produced more than 15 million Model T's until 1927; and in  
10 1925 the brilliant Rouge Complex was completed and encompassed steel mills, paper mills,  
11 a glass factory, and a power plant that allowed for the complete production from raw  
12 materials to final assembly and an industrial icon of the 20th century emerged; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1932 the engineering marvel Ford Model A rolled off the production line and  
14 in 1939 came the Mercury with a distinctive streamlined body style and a V-8 engine while  
15 the United Automobile Workers established a strong, beneficial relationship with Ford; and
- 16 WHEREAS, under the War Production Board, Ford produced an extensive array of bombers,  
17 tanks, armored cars, gliders, and other materials for the World War II effort; met the postwar  
18 economic boom with a series of success story models; opened the Atlanta Assembly Plant  
19 in Hapeville on December 10, 1947, and in 2002 its six millionth Ford Taurus was sold as  
20 Ford continues its fine product innovation that yield the best-selling cars, trucks, and SUV's!
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 this body commends Ford Motor Company for its century of wondrous achievements.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Ford Motor Company and  
3 to Patricia Reid, manager of the Atlanta Assembly Plant.