

House Resolution 902

By: Representative Wix of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Post 1

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mayor Joe Jerkins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, lifetime City of Austell resident Mayor Joe Jerkins is the recipient of the Austell  
3 Business Association's 2003 M. L. Lamar Lifetime Achievement Award, to be presented  
4 February 18, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins is the fourth recipient of this distinguished award, named for  
6 Austell resident Marlin L. Lamar, that honors a lifetime of contributions to the City of  
7 Austell; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins was chosen in recognition of his outstanding community service  
9 and for his continuing dedication to serving in the face of adversity; and

10 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated dedication to revitalizing Austell's downtown area with  
11 a five-year project that will create a new look for the city, focusing on improved parking, a  
12 streetscape, a tree-lined median, and a user-friendly environment; and

13 WHEREAS, he has earned the reputation of statesman by his willingness to listen to the  
14 opinions of others before making decisions and has a proven record of leadership and vision  
15 evidenced by the acquisition of the historic Coats and Clark threadmill and surrounding  
16 acreage utilizing grant funding and the city's matching funds; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins's priority has always been the welfare of the citizens of Austell  
18 while maintaining the city's home town atmosphere; and

19 WHEREAS, he attended Lithia Springs Elementary School and Douglas County High  
20 School; and

1 WHEREAS, both the Mayor and his wife of 44 years, Sandra, were born and raised in the  
2 Austell area where their families have lived for generations and where their own children and  
3 grandson continue to live; and

4 WHEREAS, he has served as Mayor of Austell since 1990 and has made many contributions  
5 to his community during his tenure.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body commend Mayor Joe Jerkins for his significant contributions and  
8 service as a community leader in the City of Austell and Cobb County and recognize him as  
9 an outstanding citizen of the State of Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mayor Joe Jerkins.