

House Resolution 881

By: Representative Powell of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Hartwell Service League; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Hartwell Service League is composed of members who concentrate on the
3 betterment of their community by staging events and assisting others in projects that enhance
4 progress, community spirit, and the welfare of Hartwell's citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1977, the Hartwell Service League was asked by the Hart County Chamber
6 of Commerce to assist in hosting the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Crime Prevention
7 Mobile Unit on the square in Hartwell to emphasize safety; and

8 WHEREAS, the Hartwell Service League, in an effort to broaden local interests, contacted
9 merchants to stage sidewalk sales, invited arts and crafts units, food vendors, clubs, and
10 organizations to offer their services, products, and promotions and introduced the first
11 Pre-Fourth Extravaganza on the downtown square followed by a fireworks display that
12 evening; and

13 WHEREAS, the first Pre-Fourth Extravaganza started with only a couple dozen participants
14 in a pouring rain but with members' spirits determined to make it successful, has grown to
15 include several hundred vendors and not only covers the town square but spreads over side
16 streets and throughout the town; and

17 WHEREAS, the event has grown each year to add local entertainment, a children's parade,
18 and chickenque and in an effort to promote the lake it has included a patriotic Community
19 Band Concert at Big Oaks followed by a bigger fireworks display by the Hart County
20 Chamber of Commerce; and

21 WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority has joined in by staging a street dance
22 on Friday evenings before the Pre-Fourth Extravaganza and inviting outstanding bands for
23 Dancing On Depot; and

1 WHEREAS, the entire weekend prior to July 4 has become so popular that it brings
2 thousands to Hartwell, some to sell their wares and others to shop, to see old friends, and to
3 learn about this town.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body pay tribute to the Hartwell Service League for its community
6 project that promotes the town and county in a wholesome, homecoming atmosphere.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Hartwell Service
9 League, the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, the Hart County Board of Commissioners,
10 and the City of Hartwell.