

House Resolution 1923

By: Representative Powell of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Jere Ayers and recognizing his Citizen of the Year award; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jere Ayers has been recognized as the Madison County Rotary Club's
4 Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers is renowned throughout Madison County as the second generation
6 owner of Madison County Newspapers, Inc., and the prolific newspaper man behind *The*
7 *Danielsville Monitor* and *The Comer News*; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers graduated with a bachelor of arts from Mercer University and earned
9 his law degree from the University of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he declined to take the bar exam in favor of enlisting in the United States Navy
11 to selflessly serve his country in World War II and, upon the conclusion of the war, returned
12 to the University of Georgia to study journalism; and

13 WHEREAS, from 1953 to 1956 he served two terms as a member of the state House of
14 Representatives before leaving public office to concentrate on running his family's
15 newspaper and has continued to do so since; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a faithful lifelong member of Meadow Baptist Church and a charter
17 member of his Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the Madison County Rotary Club; and

18 WHEREAS, he has earned numerous honorable distinctions including twice being named
19 Rotarian of the Year for 2000 and again in 2002.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Mr. Jere Ayers for his dutiful service to his country and

1 years of outstanding service to his community, church, and journalism and recognize his
2 Madison County Rotary Club Citizen of the Year award.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jere Ayers.