

House Resolution 1400

By: Representatives Davis of the 109th and Lunsford of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending City of McDonough mayor, Richard Craig; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Richard Craig served the City of McDonough with honor and distinction as
3 mayor for 8 years and expertly guided his community through a multitude of challenges, as
4 recognized in his being the first mayor to receive the Georgia Municipal Association's
5 Award of Excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of McDonough, Mayor Craig has presided over the city's enormous
7 growth and its transition from a sleepy rural village just south of Atlanta to its present
8 position as a desired commercial and residential destination, growing in population from
9 around 5,000 to close to 15,000; and

10 WHEREAS, after two years of honorable service in the United States Army, he went to work
11 for Southern Bell, retiring in 1990 after 35 years, during which time he acquired a taste for
12 public service with a tenure on the Henry County Board of Education from 1964 to 1973,
13 then two two-year terms and a three-year term on the McDonough City Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Craig, at the age of 71, has decided to retire from public service to spend
15 more time with his wonderful family; and

16 WHEREAS, he is leaving behind a legacy that includes playing such an integral role in
17 increasing the quality of life of McDonough citizens through the expansion and improvement
18 of recreational facilities such as baseball and football fields, that his profound impact has
19 been acknowledged by changing the name of the city's park to Richard Craig Park; and

20 WHEREAS, because of his magnanimous strengths and unimpeachable reputation for
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and the example he has made of his life, it is
22 fair to say that Mayor Craig is responsible for the City of McDonough being known as a

1 "City of Character" through the "Character First" program, which not only improves city
2 services but impress upon city employees the importance of integrity in their workday; and

3 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
4 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body recognize Mayor Richard Craig and commend his many years of
7 skillful and dedicated public service to the City of McDonough, Henry County, and the State
8 of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Richard Craig.