

House Resolution 1992

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Richardson of the 19th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. James H. Blanchard and congratulating him on his election as chairman
- 2 of the Financial Services Roundtable; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, for over three decades, Synovus, a multibillion dollar diversified financial
- 4 services holding company headquartered in Columbus, Georgia, has been very fortunate to
- 5 have the immense talents of Chairman James H. Blanchard at its service; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Blanchard earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and his
- 7 law degree from the University of Georgia, after which he served his country honorably as
- 8 a first lieutenant and finance officer in the United States Army for two years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he began his tenure with Synovus when he followed his father's footsteps to
- 10 serve as the top executive for Columbus Bank and Trust Company; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Blanchard was subsequently named CEO of Synovus, a position he held
- 12 for 35 years before becoming Chairman of Synovus in July 2005; and
- 13 WHEREAS, during the course of his highly illustrious career, Mr. Blanchard has earned
- 14 great respect and admiration throughout the financial services industry for his integrity,
- 15 leadership, and business acumen, and he has received numerous accolades, including being
- 16 named "Georgian of the Year" in 2003 by *Georgia Trend* magazine and among the "25 Most
- 17 Influential People in Financial Services" in 2005 by *U.S. Banker* magazine; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this past fall, the Financial Services Roundtable, an organization representing
- 19 100 of the largest integrated financial services companies in America, elected Mr. Blanchard
- 20 to serve as chairman, a prestigious industry leadership position that no one is more qualified
- 21 to hold than this highly accomplished professional.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join to commend Mr. James H. Blanchard on his exemplary service
3 to Synovus and to his industry and congratulate him on being elected to serve as chairman
4 of the Financial Services Roundtable.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James H. Blanchard.