

House Resolution 857

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 110th, Keen of the 179th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Richardson of the 19th, and O'Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending J. T. Williams and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams has developed seven prominent golf courses and communities
4 in Georgia and Florida that have hosted a number of high caliber events, including 20 PGA
5 Tournaments and 21 LPGA Tournaments; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to developing golf courses, he was a CPA who worked for Price
7 Waterhouse in New York City, and he achieved the highest all-time score on the Florida
8 CPA Exam on his first sitting; and

9 WHEREAS, since moving to Georgia, he has demonstrated his commitment to public service
10 by accepting appointments to major boards by Governor Zell Miller, Governor Roy Barnes,
11 Speaker Tom Murphy, and Governor Sonny Perdue, including the State Board of Education,
12 the North Georgia Metropolitan Water Board, Governor Perdue's Task Force on Congestion
13 Mitigation, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Atlanta Regional Commission,
14 and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, where he is chairman of Projects and
15 Planning; and

16 WHEREAS, in Henry County, he served two terms as chairman of the Henry Chamber of
17 Commerce, receiving the Herman Talmadge Visionary Award in honor of his quality
18 instrumental leadership in transforming Henry County into one of the fastest growing
19 counties in the United States, and in Rabun County, he serves with equal distinction on the
20 Development Authority and as chairman of the Convention and Visitors Board; and

21 WHEREAS, his Waterfall Country Club golf course was recognized by *Pinnacle Living*
22 magazine as the "Most Spectacular Golf Course in the Southern Mountains" and is ranked
23 every year as one of the "Five Best of the Best Private Courses" in Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, he has sponsored a number of projects to preserve Georgia's natural resources,
2 including the installation of a state of the art private municipal wastewater treatment plant
3 to serve the Waterfall community and help preserve Lake Burton and other surrounding
4 resources; and

5 WHEREAS, he has donated millions of dollars of land for schools, excess right of ways, and
6 other governmental uses; and

7 WHEREAS, his actions have brought honor to the State of Georgia and the United States.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body recognize J. T. Williams, commend his numerous outstanding
10 accomplishments, and invite him to appear before this body on a date and time designated
11 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to J. T. Williams.