

Senate Resolution 870

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reynolds Bickerstaff, Mark Lucas, and Jim Lucas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic places have contributed to the
3 economic and social well-being of our state by revitalizing downtowns, rehabilitating historic
4 neighborhoods, attracting tourists, increasing tax bases, and creating jobs and real estate
5 investment opportunities in historic districts throughout Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, about three-quarters of a billion private dollars have been invested in
7 completing certified historic rehabilitation projects in Georgia administered by the Historic
8 Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources; and

9 WHEREAS, historic sites are the number one destination chosen by visitors to Georgia, and
10 heritage tourism is a major feature of Georgia's \$28 billion tourism economy that employs
11 217,000 Georgians with a return of \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

12 WHEREAS, Columbus State University has become a recognized leader in the historic
13 preservation arena through its many innovative programs and services including its
14 sponsorship of the Preservation Award program; and

15 WHEREAS, Reynolds Bickerstaff, Mark Lucas, and Jim Lucas were recognized at the 41st
16 Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards program for their outstanding efforts in
17 rehabilitating 1242 Broadway; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be recognized appropriately for their
19 outstanding efforts.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Reynolds Bickerstaff, Mark Lucas, and Jim Lucas for the superlative services they

1 have rendered to the State of Georgia through their inspired efforts on behalf of historic
2 preservation.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reynolds Bickerstaff, Mark Lucas, and
5 Jim Lucas.