

House Resolution 1249

By: Representatives Tumlin of the 38th, Golick of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 42nd, Jones of the 44th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Lee E. Rhyant on being selected 2007 Cobb Citizen of
2 the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee E. Rhyant was selected as the 2007 Cobb Citizen of the Year at the
4 Cobb Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner on January 19, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant joined Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in July, 2000, as
6 vice president and site general manager of the Marietta site with more than 30 years of
7 aerospace and automotive industry experience; and

8 WHEREAS, in this position he is involved with Lockheed Martin strategic development,
9 corporate special assignments and metro Atlanta community and government relations, and
10 as general manager he is responsible for the 8,000-employee operation and delivering the
11 world's finest military aircraft; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to joining Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, he served as vice
13 president of production operations at Rolls-Royce Aerospace; and

14 WHEREAS, he holds a Masters of Business Administration from Indiana University, a
15 Bachelors Degree from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, and he has
16 completed a number of executive development courses at Harvard University, London
17 School of Business, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and General Motors Institute;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant was named a 2007 Man of Influence by the Atlanta Business
20 League; received the Justice Robert Benham Award, 2006; Citizen of the Year, SafeAmerica
21 Foundation, 2005; CEO Diversity Award from the Georgia Minority Business Association,
22 2004; Corporate Leadership Award from 100 Black Men of America, 2003; the Outstanding
23 HBCU Graduate Leadership Award, 2003; Georgia Trend/Cobb Community Service

1 Recognition Award, 2003; Community Service Excellence by the Cobb Civitan Club, 2002;
2 Who's Who of Atlanta, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006; and permanent designation of Certified
3 Manager, National Management Association, 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant serves on numerous boards including those of Bethune-Cookman
5 College, Morris Brown College, Chattahoochee Technical College, Atlanta Urban League,
6 Atlanta Area Boy Scouts Council, SafeAmerica Foundation, The Georgian Club, and the
7 United Way of Cobb County; and

8 WHEREAS, he has chaired many major events and speaks nationally at business
9 conferences, youth leadership forums and schools, as well as at the collegiate level; and

10 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Evelyn, live in Marietta, Georgia, and they have two grown
11 sons.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body commend Mr. Lee E. Rhyant on being selected the 2007 Cobb
14 Citizen of the Year and on his outstanding service to his community and the state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Lee E. Rhyant.