

House Resolution 2042

By: Representatives Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup> and Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Mr. Barry Norman Lurey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Barry Norman Lurey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of the City of Madison and Morgan County; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he came into this world on September 4, 1938, in Augusta, Georgia, the eldest  
6 son of Harry Lurey and Ann Goldberg Lurey; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this University of Georgia graduate enlisted in the Air National Guard and was  
8 based out of Dobbins Air Force Base, where he participated in necessary training and  
9 summer camp sessions until his service ended; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as a lifetime resident of Morgan County, he was proud to be a part of the  
11 successful family business in the City of Madison, Mack's Department Store, that he helped  
12 to manage until its closure after 63 years in January of 1998; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after his work at Mack's Department Store, Mr. Barry Lurey was part of the  
14 sales team at Harris Furniture Company for eight years until his retirement in 2006; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
17 dramatically by his 37 years of faithful and outstanding service on behalf of the Madison  
18 City Council where he served in many positions, including his most recent position as mayor  
19 pro tempore; and
- 20 WHEREAS, under Mr. Lurey's leadership, the City of Madison has experienced positive  
21 growth and maintained a vibrant and thriving downtown district, while still focusing on

1 preserving the city's valued history, and his absence on the Madison City Council will be felt  
2 by all who live in that community; and

3 WHEREAS, he has also served as the president of the Morgan County Historical Society,  
4 where he was honored with the Brandon Hart Award for Outstanding Preservation  
5 Leadership in 2003; as a mentor with Morgan County Schools for four years; as a member  
6 of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce; as a  
7 member of the Madison Kiwanis Club; and as a member of the Madison Merchants'  
8 Association; and he is currently a member of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau Steering  
9 Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, he has been honored as the "Downtownner of the Year" by the Madison  
11 Downtown Business Council; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
13 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

14 WHEREAS, in all that he is and all that he does, Mr. Barry Norman Lurey truly sets a higher  
15 bar for the rest of us; therefore, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
16 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body honor and commend Mr. Barry Norman Lurey for his significant  
19 contributions and service as a community leader and as an outstanding citizen of the City of  
20 Madison, Morgan County, and the State of Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Barry Norman Lurey.