

House Resolution 2165

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Hine on his service to the community; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Hine is the recipient of a Heart of the Community award sponsored by the  
3 Redmond Regional Medical Center and produced by the Heart of the Community Board of  
4 Governors and the Board of Governors award; and

5 WHEREAS, John Hine, a native Roman, graduated from both Darlington School and  
6 Georgia Tech with honors. Following graduation from Georgia Tech, John served two years  
7 active duty in the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Fort Stewart. After release  
8 from active duty, he began his professional career at Trend Industries where he rose to senior  
9 vice president of manufacturing. In 1973, he left Trend Mills to establish Pharr Yarns of  
10 Georgia where he served as executive vice president and president of this state-of-the-art  
11 carpet yarn manufacturing facility for almost 23 years; and

12 WHEREAS, friends characterize Hine simply: He would never ask anyone to do anything  
13 he was unwilling or unable to tackle. While at Pharr Yarns, John often provided valuable  
14 counsel to employees needing a friend. Always known to take an interest in his associates,  
15 John never intruded or offered his help unless he was asked or circumstances warranted his  
16 interjection; and

17 WHEREAS, his community activities include serving on the boards of Redmond Park  
18 Hospital, Citizens Federal, Darlington School, The United Way, and the Open Door  
19 Children's Home. He also served as a director of the Georgia Textile Manufacturers  
20 Association, a director and member of the Executive Committee of the American Yarn  
21 Spinners Association, and as president of the Textile Education Foundation. After serving  
22 on the board of Citizens Federal Savings and Loan from 1979 to 1886, John rejoined the  
23 bank's leadership team in 1993 after the institution had become a state-chartered, full-service  
24 bank. He was elected chairman of the board in 1995 and served in that capacity until his  
25 retirement in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, driven by an understanding for and a love of the Rome community, John's most  
2 recent focus has been serving on the Habitat for Humanity Board where he continues to be  
3 actively involved in a litany of projects in the Rome area, particularly in the South Rome  
4 Redevelopment effort. In addition, John holds memberships in the Exchange Club of Rome,  
5 the Coosa Valley Fair Association Board, the Open Door Home Board and the Exchange  
6 Club Family Resource Center Board; and

7 WHEREAS, supported by a deep religious conviction, John has long been a communicant  
8 of St. Peter's Church, a Sunday school teacher, chairman of Stewardship and Property  
9 committees, and a Junior Warden and Senior Warden. An active participant in the shelter at  
10 St. Peter's Church, he has spent his share of nights caring for others; and

11 WHEREAS, he is an unrelenting champion for young people, evidenced by his leadership  
12 roles on the Boys and Girls Club Board for over 37 years. In 1970, he was awarded the "Man  
13 and Boy Award" and in 1974 the Boys Club of America medallion. John also received the  
14 Bronze Keystone Award in 1991, the Service to Youth in 1996, the National Keystone  
15 Award and the National Service to Youth Award in 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of honor, intellect, humor, integrity and vitality, John's virtues are many.  
17 He is married to Sylvia Street Hine, his wife of 50 years. They have three children, John Jr.,  
18 Judy Beecham, and Susie Duke, and seven grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, the hallmarks of John's leadership are his uncanny ability to quietly sit back,  
20 absorb, and analyze the complexities of any situation and then in a few words methodically  
21 and logically present an avenue of solution to what few, if any, can find objection.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend John Hine for his unselfish service to his community and  
24 wish him many years of continued good health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John Hine.