

House Resolution 2045

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th and Battles of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Larry Pratt on the occasion of his retirement as City
2 Manager of Adairsville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Pratt has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
7 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the City of Adairsville since 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career with the city as a meter reader for the water
10 department and after a few years was named utilities superintendent, a position he maintained
11 for 22 years; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Pratt was named city administrator and was appointed city
13 manager in 2006, where he has served with honor and distinction for the last four years; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the City of Adairsville, Mr. Pratt has been instrumental
15 in establishing the Georgia One-Call system for underground utilities in Georgia, securing
16 legislation that formed the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, developing an updated
17 budget system, and growing the city and Northwest Georgia's utilities infrastructure; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt was responsible for creating new jobs with the expansion of gas
19 distribution to Adairsville, upgrading the city's infrastructure to accommodate local and
20 global industries, and negotiating to interconnect the water systems of Floyd County, Bartow
21 County, and the City of Calhoun, which allowed Adairsville to sell wholesale water; and

22 WHEREAS, he saved Adairsville taxpayers money by upgrading a gas main and working
23 in the dual capacity as both city manager and utilities director for four years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout
25 his career, including the Billy Gail Hersey, Sr., Award in 2008, the highest honor given to
26 an individual by the Municipal Gas Industry; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt's vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the
28 occasion of his retirement and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
29 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Larry Pratt for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
32 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
33 of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Larry Pratt.