

House Resolution 2258

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Wendell T. Dawson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Wendell T. Dawson 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 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
6 United States Army and the United States Army Reserves, retiring from service with the rank  
7 of captain and with an Army Commendation Medal; and

8 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a bachelor of  
9 law degree from Massey Law College, is a loving and supportive husband to his wife, Betty,  
10 and is the proud father of a remarkable daughter, Jennifer; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson served as attorney for Oconee County, the City of Watkinsville,  
12 the City of North High Shoals, and the Oconee County School Board; and

13 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant diligently and conscientiously devoted numerous  
14 hours of his time, talents, and energy to improving the lives of his neighbors as a member of  
15 the Oconee County Commission, the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, the  
16 Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the Oconee County Development Authority,  
17 and the Oconee County Board of Health; and

18 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners for a number of  
19 years, Mr. Dawson accomplished numerous achievements on behalf of Oconee County  
20 residents, including the creation of a county-wide water and sewer system; the establishment  
21 of the Bear Creek Reservoir in Jackson County; the development of major interchanges; the  
22 building of the Oconee County Civic Center; major renovations to the library, health

23 department, and courthouse; and commercial development at Butler's Crossing and Epps  
24 Bridge Road; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson's leadership has been instrumental to numerous organizations,  
26 including the Watkinsville Civitan Club, the North Georgia Regional Development Center,  
27 Athens Regional Medical Center, the Georgia Academy for Economic Development, the  
28 Georgia Water Campaign, the IRMA Insurance Pool, and the Upper Oconee Basin Water  
29 Authority; and

30 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout his  
31 prestigious career, including an Oconee Rotary 4 Way Test Award, an ACCG Emory Greene  
32 Leadership Award, and a Robert L. and Betty Williford Distinguished Northeast Georgia  
33 Service Award from the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center; and

34 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation to Mr. Dawson for the great  
35 credit he reflects on his community and this state.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend Mr. Wendell T. Dawson for his outstanding service to  
38 Oconee County and the State of Georgia, recognize his many contributions to the residents  
39 of Oconee County and the surrounding communities, and extend to him sincere best wishes  
40 for the future.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Wendell T. Dawson.