

House Resolution 2316

By: Representative Purcell of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating the City of Port Wentworth on being named a Purple Heart City; and for
- 2 other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, located 11 miles west of Savannah, Georgia, Port Wentworth is a city known
- 4 for its patriotism; and

- 5 WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War era, Port Wentworth's Mayor Preston B. Edwards, a
- 6 World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, began Stand Up for America, which
- 7 included a parade and other Americanism gatherings to build up waning patriotism; and

- 8 WHEREAS, over the last 38 years, the Stand Up for America program has grown into a
- 9 major event that draws visitors to Port Wentworth from across the state; and

- 10 WHEREAS, today the Stand Up for America event includes a parade, arts and crafts, rides,
- 11 food, fireworks, a fishing tournament, and a street dance; and

- 12 WHEREAS, Port Wentworth is one of just three cities in the United States to become a
- 13 Purple Heart City, and the effort was led by Al and Rose Cook; and

- 14 WHEREAS, the city has plans to build a veterans park with a Purple Heart monument to
- 15 serve as the park's focal point; and

- 16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding patriotism of this fine
- 17 city and its numerous contributions to the veterans of this state be appropriately recognized.

- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 19 the members of this body commend the City of Port Wentworth on its amazing dedication
- 20 and devotion to America and congratulate its residents and officials on the grand honor of
- 21 being named a Purple Heart City.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Port Wentworth.