

House Resolution 2282

By: Representative Allison of the 8<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jim McAfee; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, a native of Union County, Georgia, Mr. McAfee attended Young Harris College  
6 and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. McAfee served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
8 United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to  
10 the field of real estate for 35 years as an agent and broker and is a faithful member of First  
11 United Methodist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. McAfee is united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and they have  
13 been blessed with two remarkable sons, Britt and Brannon; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2002, as a member of the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce,  
15 Mr. McAfee established the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, which  
16 launched in June, 2004, and has been held every second weekend in June since; and

17 WHEREAS, the amazing annual event features Scottish clan gatherings, pipe and drum  
18 bands, a parade of tartans, sheep herding, music workshops, a Scottish village exhibit, and  
19 competitions in tossing the caber, tossing the sheaf, and weight toss for distance; and

20 WHEREAS, the Blairesville Scottish Festival & Highland Games promote cooperation and  
21 goodwill between the Scottish clans and those in the United States, joining hundreds of  
22 people, Scots and non-Scots alike, from throughout the United States and the world; and

23 WHEREAS, over the past decade, Mr. McAfee has helped this amazing event become one  
24 of the top 20 events in the Southeast, and his leadership and vision are worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize Mr. Jim McAfee on his innovation behind the  
27 Blairesville Scottish Festival & Highland Games and recognize his dedication to making the  
28 event one of the best in the nation.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jim McAfee.