

## House Resolution 92

By: Representatives Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Douglas Clare Purcell on the occasion of his retirement;  
2 and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his nearly 39 years of superlative service to the State of Georgia in the field  
9 of tourism and historic preservation; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell has served as executive director of the Historic Chattahoochee  
11 Commission since 1972 and during his tenure the commission has funded 121 seed grant  
12 projects in the Chattahoochee Valley, supported the publication of 31 books, erected 305  
13 historical markers, and completed rural architectural surveys in Clay, Decatur, Early, Harris,  
14 Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, and Troup counties; and

15 WHEREAS, as executive director, he has placed 42 Chattahoochee Trace Heritage Education  
16 Units in schools, libraries, and preservation groups, established the Folklife Program,  
17 initiated the Chattahoochee Valley Threatened Landmarks Program, and helped launch the  
18 Chattahoochee AgriTourism Project; and

19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Purcell has served on numerous boards and  
20 committees in Eufaula, including the Rotary Club, the Sesquicentennial Committee, the  
21 History and Heritage Festival Committee, the Downtown Redevelopment Authority Board,  
22 and the Chamber of Commerce Board, just to name a few; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
24 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
25 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
26 associates; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell has served with honor and distinction with the Historic  
30 Chattahoochee Commission, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely  
31 missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Mr. Douglas Clare Purcell for his efficient, effective,  
36 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the  
37 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for  
38 continued health and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Douglas Clare Purcell.