

## House Resolution 570

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Huckaby of the 113<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 131<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Bob Rice; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by his superlative service as chairman of the Morgan County Republican Party  
8 since 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Rice came into office as chairman at a time when it was difficult to find  
10 Republican voters and nominees in the Morgan County area, and over the last two decades  
11 he has led the transformation and growth of the party in the county; and

12 WHEREAS, with his leadership and guidance, the Morgan County Republican Party elected  
13 its first legislator in 1998 with Bob Smith, its first sheriff in 2000 with Robert Markley, and  
14 helped provide a Republican majority vote for a state-wide candidate with the election of  
15 Governor Sonny Perdue in 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, his consistent leadership helped achieve a peak membership for the party of  
17 over 360 people, which constituted 2 percent of Morgan County's entire population, and was  
18 responsible for the emergence of Republican dominance in Morgan County years in advance  
19 of a similar change in other rural parts of this state; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rice is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Brenda, who has  
21 been a true leader for the Republican Party in Morgan County, making phone calls, attending  
22 conventions, hosting events, soliciting help from others in the community, and organizing  
23 the women of Morgan County who have done a great deal of work on behalf of the party; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Rice has served with honor and distinction as chairman of the Morgan  
25 County Republican Party and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed;  
26 and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Mr. Bob Rice for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
31 dedicated service to the Republican Party of Morgan County.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bob Rice.