

House Resolution 621

By: Representatives Jones of the 44th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Evans of the 40th, Brooks of the 63rd, Smyre of the 132nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Lee E. Rhyant on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, born the son of a sharecropper, Mr. Rhyant graduated from Bethune-Cookman
7 University and Indiana University and, through the course of his distinguished career, has
8 held a variety of senior management positions in the automotive and aerospace industries;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, for the last decade, Mr. Rhyant has led the 8,000 employee Lockheed Martin
11 Aeronautics Company facility in Marietta, Georgia, serving as executive vice president and
12 general manager and acting as the liaison between the company and its primary customer,
13 the United States Air Force, and with government and industry leaders in Cobb County and
14 the metro Atlanta community; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
16 throughout his career, including one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential People, Executive of
17 the Year by the National Management Association, Citizen of the Year by Cobb County
18 Chamber of Commerce and the *Marietta Daily Journal*, and Man of Influence by the Atlanta
19 Business League; and

20 WHEREAS, this distinguished Bethune-Cookman alumnus had the first co-ed dormitory at
21 the university named after him and has been featured on the cover of *Georgia Trend*
22 magazine for his tireless leadership with Lockheed-Martin; and

23 WHEREAS, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mr. Rhyant is a nationally recognized
24 speaker, presenting at business conferences, youth leadership forums, and schools and
25 universities; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant is generous with his time, serving on boards for numerous
27 organizations and worthy causes, including Bethune-Cookman University, Chattahoochee
28 Technical College, Atlanta Urban League, Atlanta Area Boy Scouts Council, SafeAmerica
29 Foundation, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgian Club, and the United Way
30 of Cobb County; and

31 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Evelyn, and he plans
32 to enjoy his well deserved retirement spending time with family and friends; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhyant has served with honor and distinction with the Lockheed Martin
34 Aeronautics Company, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed
35 upon the occasion of his retirement.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Mr. Lee E. Rhyant for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
38 and dedicated service to the security of our nation; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
39 of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
40 happiness.

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. Lee E. Rhyant.