

House Resolution 638

By: Representatives Evans of the 40th, Jones of the 44th, Morgan of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 33rd, Johnson of the 37th, 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

22 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous local and national boards, chaired many major
23 philanthropic events, and is a nationally recognized speaker, presenting at business
24 conferences, youth leadership forums, and schools and universities; and

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

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

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

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Lee E. Rhyant.