

## House Resolution 845

By: Representative Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Thomas C. Lewis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas C. Lewis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 his leadership and direction in the areas of government and corporate relations and for his  
4 service as a university liaison to federal, state, and local governments; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has served as senior vice president for external affairs at Georgia  
6 State University where, during his 20 years of employment, he has advanced levels of public  
7 awareness by directing comprehensive efforts to transform the university's identity and to  
8 communicate its unique urban mission; and

9 WHEREAS, he has strengthened and advanced the university's legislative agenda,  
10 strengthened relations with alumni, engineered an expansive marketing effort, and improved  
11 Georgia State's internal and external communications; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to his service with Georgia State, Mr. Lewis served Georgia as chief of  
13 staff for Governor Joe Frank Harris, as executive director of the Georgia Franchise Practices  
14 Commission where he developed new standards to regulate this fast-growing industry, and  
15 as executive vice president of the Cartersville Chamber of Commerce; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is a graduate of Leadership Georgia and participant in the Etowah  
17 Foundation and serves on the board of directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and  
18 Century Bank of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, committed to education, Mr. Lewis is a member of the Board of State Charter  
20 Schools Commission and serves as a mentor to students at Georgia College and State  
21 University through the Georgia Education Mentorship Program; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lewis is a member of Faith United  
23 Methodist Church in Cartersville; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is united in love and marriage to his wife, Patty, and they have been  
25 blessed with three children and one grandchild; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Mr. Thomas C. Lewis for his selfless, effective, and  
30 dedicated service to the students and citizens of Bartow County and the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas C. Lewis.