

House Resolution 970

By: Representatives Holmes of the 125th and Dickey of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Monroe County Fire Chief Walter Thomas Carter on the
2 occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Monroe County Fire Chief Walter Thomas Carter has long been recognized by
4 the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Carter has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
7 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Monroe County Fire Department for 35
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Carter joined the Monroe County Fire Department in 1975 and has served
11 as fire chief since 1993, leading his crew in their protection of property and lives and
12 overseeing the expansion of personnel, equipment, and responsibilities; and

13 WHEREAS, as chief he handled an over 300 percent increase in call volume and moved the
14 department from a 100 year old building to a new million dollar state-of-the-art fire station;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, he has been named Firefighter of the Year in Monroe County, has served as fire
17 inspector, has served as the City of Forsyth Soil and Erosion Control Officer, and has served
18 on the Monroe County Board of Tax Assessors; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Carter is an active member of the Cattleman's Association and
20 participates in the Gifts of Luv program, which helps needy families with food and gifts
21 during the holidays; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and has been a staple of life in Forsyth for 50
24 years; and

25 WHEREAS, Chief Carter has served with honor and distinction during his career as a fire
26 fighter and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion
27 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 Monroe County Fire Chief Walter Thomas Carter for
32 his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia;
33 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most
34 sincere best wishes for continued health and 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 Monroe County Fire Chief
37 Walter Thomas Carter.