

House Resolution 1155

By: Representative Williamson of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James V. Burgess, Jr., of Social Circle, Walton County,
2 Georgia, for his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James V. Burgess is a long-time resident of Social Circle, Georgia, where
4 he is known for his extraordinary dedication to his community and fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, for 30 years, Mr. Burgess worked as an advocate for city governments with the
6 Georgia Municipal Association, and 13 of those years were as the association's Executive
7 Director; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as the Mayor of the City of Social Circle from 1997 through 2011,
9 and during that time he also served as a member of the Walton County Chamber of
10 Commerce Board of Directors and the Walton County Development Authority; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Burgess's leadership was instrumental in the construction and securing of
12 federal funding for Social Circle's bypass, which links the city's industrial community to
13 Georgia Highway 11 and Interstate 20; and

14 WHEREAS, his hard work and dedication laid the groundwork for the city's downtown
15 development improvement projects and, during his tenure, he led the city council to improve
16 the financial condition of the municipality, maintain low taxes, and cultivate new industry
17 for additional jobs; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a visionary for the development of the Promenade Project from the Blue
19 Willow Inn Restaurant to historic downtown, as well as the Mill Village Redevelopment
20 Plan, both of which have been adopted by the City Council as long-range goals; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Burgess has championed urban renewal within the city by improving the
22 infrastructure, eliminating many of its mobile home parks, constructing decorative fencing

23 around city cemeteries, and expanding the sidewalk system within Social Circle, making the
24 community more walker-friendly for its residents and visitors; and

25 WHEREAS, his dedication to his community is further demonstrated by his active
26 membership in the Rotary Club of Social Circle, Social Circle Lions Club, and the Walton
27 County Boys & Girls Club; and

28 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the distinguished and extraordinary public
29 service of Mr. James V. Burgess, Jr., be properly recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 this body does hereby recognize and commend Mr. James V. Burgess, Jr., for his outstanding
32 and dedicated public service to the citizens of the community of Social Circle and the State
33 of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James V. Burgess, Jr.