

House Resolution 62

By: Representative Holmes of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Hansel Kelly on his significant achievements; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hansel Kelly, who has worked for the Jones County public works department
4 for nearly 60 years, has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
5 time, talents, and energy toward making the community a better place for its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Hansel Kelly was born at Roberts Station, a tiny community in the county; he
7 learned the meaning of dedication and commitment by working on his daddy's farm, along
8 side his older brother George and younger brother Hurley; and

9 WHEREAS, after Hansel Kelly finished school, it was his dad who pushed him to find
10 something else to do; so in 1947 at the age of 19, Hansel Kelly started working for the county
11 as a bridge crew employee; and

12 WHEREAS, a couple of years later, he began driving a county dump truck, and eventually
13 began operating one of the county's three motor graders, scraping the dirt roads of Jones
14 County over a thousand times till he knew every little road and pig path; and

15 WHEREAS, he was appointed warden of the prisoners that the county used to keep the roads
16 maintained; after his stint as warden ended, Hansel Kelly left the county's payroll for the first
17 time, taking a position at what is now the Martin-Marietta rock quarry off of Georgia 49; and

18 WHEREAS, it was not long before Hansel Kelly returned to work for the county, and he
19 went back to running a motor grader until his retirement in 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, Hansel Kelly was awarded a plaque for 45 years of service, but only after three
21 weeks of retirement, he could not sit idle and went back to work for the county; and for the

22 last dozen years, this outstanding citizen has worked part time as an attendant at the Garrison
23 Road recycling center; and

24 WHEREAS, when others ask him his views on retiring again, Hansel Kelly tells them,
25 "When you see me in that box with ten toes up, then you'll know I'm retired"; and

26 WHEREAS, Hansel Kelly's life of dedication to a community he loves has undoubtedly
27 become an example to the hundreds he has worked with over the years, and it is abundantly
28 fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian
29 be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Hansel Kelly on the extensive, effective, and unselfish
32 dedication he has displayed and recognize his devotion to public service in Jones County and
33 the State 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 Hansel Kelly.