

House Resolution 182

By: Representatives Battles of the 15th, Coomer of the 14th, and Jasperse of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Bartow County Commissioner Clarence Brown upon the occasion of his retirement
2 and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Brown has spent over 39 years in county government and over
4 21 years as the Bartow County Commissioner; and

5 WHEREAS, he has dedicated his career to the improvement of his community and will be
6 sorely missed as a leader, innovator, and exemplary Georgian; and

7 WHEREAS, during his 21 years in office, Commissioner Brown expanded recreation
8 programs and facilities, built eight new Fire/EMS services, secured additional property and
9 facilities for courthouse administration offices, renovated the county's historic 1902
10 courthouse, expanded facilities vital to the county's well-being such as the local animal
11 shelter, and developed the county's Geographic Information System (GIS); and

12 WHEREAS, he has also contributed his distinguished leadership skills to the Association
13 County Commissioners of Georgia, which he presided over as president from 2003 to 2004;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, even toward the end of his career, Commissioner Brown continued to actively
16 seek ways to make lasting improvements in his community as in 2008 he utilized funds to
17 build five new fire stations, a new conference center, a new fire/EMS headquarters, and a new
18 state patrol facility; and

19 WHEREAS, Commissioner Brown established the Clean Air Program, the award-winning
20 Greenspace and Keep Bartow Beautiful programs, and many successful economic
21 development efforts in the community; and

22 WHEREAS, he has sponsored the Community Development Block Grant programs for the
23 construction of the Boys & Girls Club, the Hickory Log School for mentally disabled men,
24 the Battered Women's Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity; and

25 WHEREAS, for over 38 years, Commissioner Brown has also been an active member of
26 Friendship Baptist Church where he has served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon since
27 1974; and

28 WHEREAS, he has been happily married to Carol Brown for 50 years and is blessed with
29 three beautiful children and six wonderful grandchildren.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor County Commissioner Clarence Brown for his outstanding
32 accomplishments that have so benefited Bartow County and invite him to be recognized by
33 the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

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 County Commissioner
37 Clarence Brown.