

House Resolution 497

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Kirby of the 114th, and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep as it joins many Georgia
2 businesses in "going green"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep estimates it will save more than \$150,000.00
4 in its eight buildings and sprawling 30 acre dealership by "going green" and has committed
5 to a full energy retrofit; and

6 WHEREAS, the family-owned business, which began in 1965, has begun working on a
7 five-fold strategic investment that will help improve efficiency by wasting less energy; and

8 WHEREAS, since engaging in its energy retrofit, Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep has
9 replaced over 1,100 fixtures and 3,000 lamps, all tied to occupancy sensors; replaced exterior
10 lights with LED lights; installed dual fuel furnaces and HVAC units with le SEER ratings;
11 installed refuse oil heaters fueled by used motor oils claimed from the service department,
12 eliminating all natural gas heaters; replaced most fiberglass skylights with domed prismatic
13 skylights, harvesting three times more sunlight yet reducing heat absorption by 50 percent;
14 and installed an energy management system to monitor and control all technologies involved
15 in the retrofit; and

16 WHEREAS, Akins also engaged critical partner-experts as an energy contractor, building
17 automation, LED, and skylights; and

18 WHEREAS, Akins launched a public information campaign announcing its energy success,
19 initiating a tailored walkabout program for area and state officials, and in 2012, it began
20 hosting a member of the Georgia Public Service Commission, State Representative, State
21 Senator, Chairman of the County Commission and Mayor, representatives of the Chamber
22 of Commerce and Economic Development Council, and media, who all enjoyed and
23 appreciated the personally guided tours of the energy makeover; and

24 WHEREAS, it was the American genius, Henry Ford, who said, "Competition is the keen
25 cutting edge of business, always shaving away at costs"; and

26 WHEREAS, Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep has demonstrated its willingness to commit
27 its business to innovative changes to preserve energy and improve efficiency, and it is
28 abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary family-owned establishment be recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the commitment to excellence demonstrated by Akins
31 Ford Dodge Chrysler Jeep as it continues to bring the changes listed in its energy retrofit to
32 fruition and commend it for its outstanding progress as it successfully "goes green."

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Akins Ford Dodge Chrysler
35 Jeep.