

House Resolution 876

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 104th, Yates of the 73rd, Coomer of the 14th, Taylor of the 79th, Atwood of the 179th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Marvin Atherton on his outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Marvin Atherton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of his community and state; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his establishment of "Memorial Day in Dacula"; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mountain View Junior College with an Associate's Degree in
10 drafting and design, he has worked in the field of electro-mechanical engineering since 1977;
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12 WHEREAS, he has also served as a Cub Scout leader, helping to instill positive values in the
13 youth of his community through his son's troop; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1993, he attended a Fourth of July parade in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and
15 was inspired to create a parade in his own community to remind residents of the true meaning
16 of Memorial Day; and

17 WHEREAS, the first year of the Memorial Day in Dacula there were 25 entries in the parade,
18 but there were more people on the streets of Dacula watching the parade than any other event
19 ever held in Dacula; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1995, the 5K Run and One-Mile Fun Run were added to the festivities and,
21 in 2006, the Miss Memorial Day Pageant was added; and

22 WHEREAS, today, the parade averages 150 entries and 2,000 participants with 10,000 to
23 12,000 spectators lining the streets of Dacula to view the parade; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Atherton began the Memorial Day parade and festivities to create an
25 ongoing patriotic tradition in Dacula that would instill in citizens of all ages a sense of
26 national pride and a desire to honor those men and women who have sacrificed themselves
27 for us to have the freedoms we enjoy today; 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 Mr. Marvin Atherton for his efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated public service to his community and the State of Georgia and extend
33 to him their most sincere best wishes for future success.

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. Marvin Atherton.