

House Resolution 919

By: Representative Smith of the 70th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sam Jones on the occasion of his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sam Jones has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and has diligently and conscientiously devoted
5 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy through his superlative service as
6 publisher of the *Newnan Times-Herald*; and

7 WHEREAS, he is a native of Resaca in Gordon County, graduated from Calhoun High
8 School, and attended the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia,
9 graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
11 States Air Force during the Vietnam War; and

12 WHEREAS, after leaving the Air Force, he took a job as a reporter at the *Tallahassee*
13 *Democrat* and was later named assistant city editor at the Tallahassee newspaper before
14 becoming the managing editor of *North Fulton Today*; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1976, he became managing editor of the *Marietta Daily Journal*, and after
16 moving to Columbus, he became news editor of the *Columbus Enquirer* and assistant
17 managing editor of the *Ledger*; and

18 WHEREAS, he came to the *Newnan Times-Herald* on November 1, 1996, and transformed
19 the newspaper from a biweekly publication to a daily publication; and

20 WHEREAS, Sam has been married to Betty for 46 years, and they have three beloved
21 children, Holly, Jeff, and Jennifer, and two young grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation of
23 integrity, intelligence, and kindness, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
24 outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Sam Jones on the occasion of his
27 retirement and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
28 happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sam Jones.