

House Resolution 961

By: Representative Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Margaret Ayers on receiving the Community Bankers  
2 Association of Georgia's Lifetime Service Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Margaret Ayers of Lavonia, Georgia, has long been recognized by the citizens  
4 of this state for her phenomenal and inspiring professional and civic career and for her deep  
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and the Community Bankers  
6 Association of Georgia has awarded her its Lifetime Service Award; and

7 WHEREAS, this incredible individual joined the Northeast Georgia Bank in 1944, and for  
8 69 years, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
9 talents, and energy in every department of the bank; and

10 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
11 and diplomacy, and her keen sense of vision have served her well in various leadership  
12 positions, including being the first female president of the Franklin County Chamber of  
13 Commerce and the Lavonia Chamber of Commerce; first female member and president of  
14 the Lavonia Lions Club; chairwoman of the Lavonia Historic Preservation Commission;  
15 board member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, the Department of Family  
16 and Children Services, and the Greater Lavonia Community Inc.; vice chairwoman of the  
17 Lavonia Housing Authority; treasurer of Friends of Lavonia Carnegie Library; and secretary  
18 of the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity; and

19 WHEREAS, she is also a 63 year member of the Order of Eastern Star and 61 year member  
20 of the Lavonia United Daughters of the Confederacy; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has received numerous awards, including  
22 Humanitarian of the Year, Remarkable Woman of the Year in Business, and the Lions  
23 International Hall of Fame distinction, and she is the namesake of the community's premier  
24 community award, the Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health; and

25 WHEREAS, this wonderful example of a dedicated public servant was married to Mayor  
26 Herman Ayers and was the first lady of Lavonia for 22 years; and

27 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is a 74 year member of First Baptist  
28 Church of Lavonia; and

29 WHEREAS, Margaret Ayers is the epitome of a great southern lady and Georgian, and it is  
30 abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Margaret Ayers on receiving the  
33 Community Bankers Association of Georgia's Lifetime Service Award.

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 Margaret Ayers.