

House Resolution 982

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Holcomb of the 81st, Oliver of the 82nd, and Taylor of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Governor's Commission on Brookhaven; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, On August 31, 2012, Governor Nathan Deal signed an executive order naming
4 the Governor's Commission on Brookhaven, a five-member commission consisting of a
5 chairman and four others who reside in each council district within the city; and

6 WHEREAS, the commission facilitated the provision of community services and facilities,
7 identification of initial city employees, and the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements
8 in preparation for the establishment of the new city; and

9 WHEREAS, Ben Vinson, the commission's chairman, is an attorney at McKenna Long &
10 Aldridge LLP, where he focuses on political law; prior to his work at the firm, he served as
11 the majority caucus counsel in the Georgia House of Representatives, and he currently serves
12 as the chairman of the Georgia Immigration Enforcement Review Board; and

13 WHEREAS, J.D. Clockadale, the commission's representative for District 1, was integrally
14 involved in the study and referendum for the City of Brookhaven and went on to serve as the
15 interim city manager; he also chairs a private security patrol, staffed by official DeKalb
16 County officers, to aid successful law enforcement in Brookhaven; and

17 WHEREAS, Todd E. Lantier, the commission's representative for District 2, is the unit sales
18 manager for MassMutual Financial Group/Capstone Financial Partners; he is also the first
19 chairman of the board of directors of the Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce, a founding
20 member of the Ashford Park School Education Foundation, and an advisory board member
21 of Friends of Brookhaven Park; and

22 WHEREAS, Jed Beardsley, the commission's representative for District 3, is a shareholder
23 in the law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., where he specializes

24 in real estate and tax law; he also serves as president of the Historic Brookhaven Foundation,
25 Inc.; and

26 WHEREAS, Kim Gökçe, the commission's representative for District 4, serves as a technical
27 project manager for AT&T; he has served as a founding member for both the Brookhaven
28 Community Connection and the Cross Keys Foundation, helping business and supporting
29 public education; and

30 WHEREAS, the aforementioned individuals have dedicated innumerable hours of their time,
31 talents, and energy to the betterment of the community through the Governor's Commission
32 on Brookhaven, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Governor's Commission on Brookhaven for the
35 service it provided to the citizens of Brookhaven and wish its members great success in the
36 future.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ben Vinson, J.D.
39 Clockadale, Todd E. Lantier, Jed Beardsley, and Kim Gökçe.