

House Resolution 1322

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Thomas M. Lowe, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tom Lowe is the Fulton County Commissioner representing District 4, which
3 encompasses Buckhead, Sandy Springs, and part of Roswell; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as the Board's longest serving member, Commissioner Lowe served for 40 years
5 and was elected to the first of his nine terms in 1974; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during Commissioner Lowe's first year on the Commission, he and his
7 colleagues moved to create Fulton County's very own police force, after having contracted
8 in the past for such services with the City of Atlanta; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Tom Lowe served 15 years as a member of the Atlanta-Fulton County Water
10 Resources Commission from its inception in 1986, and served as chairman in 1990, 1991,
11 1996, and 2000; he is also an active participant on the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation
12 Authority since 1991 and served as vice chairman of the Fulton County Pension Board from
13 1983-1989; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a world-class skeet shooter and member of the National Skeet Shooting
15 Association All-American Team, Senior Division, Tom Lowe was instrumental in the
16 development of the Fulton County's Wolf Creek Skeet and Trap Range, which was the site
17 of the 1996 Olympic skeet shooting competition; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lowe led the charge in acquiring a large piece of land for use
19 by the Chattahoochee Nature Center, which is currently the metro region's premier
20 environmental education center; and

21 WHEREAS, he played a major role in Fulton County's groundbreaking efforts in providing
22 new levels of service to senior citizens, particularly the Dorothy Benson Multi-Purpose
23 Senior Center, located in the heart of Sandy Springs; and

24 WHEREAS, after graduating from Auburn University with a degree in civil engineering,
25 Commissioner Lowe worked in heavy construction of highways, railroads, and earth-filled
26 dams; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1957 he organized Lowe Engineers, Inc., which is still involved in the
28 planning, design, and construction supervision of civil engineering projects throughout the
29 southeast; since retiring from his company, Commissioner Lowe has been a developer of
30 commercial and industrial properties in metro Atlanta; and

31 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Bettye, a former state representative, have long been active in
32 the Republican Party; they have been blessed with two sons, two daughters, and seven
33 grandchildren; and

34 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lowe, through his actions, demonstrated what it means to be a
35 true public servant of the State of Georgia, and because of his accomplishments, it is
36 abundantly fitting and proper that he be recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend and recognize Thomas M. Lowe, Jr., for his
39 contributions as a Fulton County Commissioner.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Thomas M. Lowe, Jr.