

Senate Resolution 971

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ronda Rich and recognizing January 19, 2014, as The Town That Came
2 A-Courtin' Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ronda Rich was born and raised in Hall County, Georgia, and continues to live
4 and strive there; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of North Hall High School and Brenau University, Ronda is an
6 eleventh generation Georgian; and

7 WHEREAS, she is the writer of a syndicated weekly newspaper column that runs throughout
8 Georgia and the southeast that celebrates the South and its stories and boasts more than one
9 million weekly readers; and

10 WHEREAS, Ronda is a speaker and ambassador who carries the good news and stories of
11 the great State of Georgia throughout the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, she is the best-selling author of six books, each of which brings positive
13 attention to Georgia and the South; and

14 WHEREAS, *The Town That Came A-Courtin'*, a novel whose lead character is an acclaimed
15 Georgia author, has been made into a television movie starring Lauren Holly, Cameron
16 Bancroft, and Valerie Harper and premiered on the UP Network on January 19, 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, UP Network is a national cable television network headquartered in Atlanta and
18 is committed to high quality, diverse, family-friendly programming that is uplifting,
19 inspiring, and entertaining; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia has been the long-time home of UP Network and is lead by UP
21 Founder/President and CEO Charley Humbard and Vice Chairman Brad Siegel; and

22 WHEREAS, Ronda had a cameo role in the television movie, where she put her Georgia
23 accent to full use; and

24 WHEREAS, *The Town That Came A-Courtin'* represents the rich tradition of Georgia
25 storytelling at its strongest, with Ronda at the helm as its guide.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Ronda Rich for her numerous accomplishments in the literary realm and for
28 illustrating the traditions of the State of Georgia through her novel and television film, *The*
29 *Town That Came A-Courtin'*, and recognize January 19, 2014, as The Town That Came
30 A-Courtin' Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Ronda Rich and UP Network.