

House Resolution 196

By: Representative Golick of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sam R. Whitfield for being named Smyrna Citizen of the Year; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on October 30, 2014, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce awarded Sam R.
4 Whitfield their esteemed Smyrna Citizen of the Year award; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitfield was born in Pickens County, graduated from the University of
6 Georgia in 1952, and served in the Korean War where he commanded an M-26 Pershing and
7 earned the rank of captain; and

8 WHEREAS, he has 50 years of perfect attendance in the Smyrna Rotary Club and was one
9 of its charter members in 1963; and

10 WHEREAS, his generosity through the Rotary Club has helped tornado victims in North
11 Georgia, to eliminate polio worldwide, and to provide clean water in places like Costa Rica,
12 western Africa, Pakistan, and India; and

13 WHEREAS, he was one of the 12 men who founded SunTrust Banks in 1964, retiring as a
14 director in 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, he served on the Cobb County School Board for 12 years and was on the Cobb
16 County Division of Family and Children Services Board; and

17 WHEREAS, he was in the Mason's Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Georgia from
18 1971 to 1972, the Grand Lodge of Georgia's treasurer for 14 years, and still serves as its
19 Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Sam R. Whitfield for being named Smyrna Citizen of
22 the Year.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Sam
25 R. Whitfield.