

House Resolution 792

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James Henry Nelson, outstanding Georgia citizen, upon
2 the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Henry Nelson is a beloved native of Georgia, born in Stewart County
4 and residing later in Cusseta, Georgia, in Chattahoochee County; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson was an outstanding student and athlete, graduating from Cusseta
6 High School where he was a star player for the Cusseta Red Devils basketball team; and

7 WHEREAS, a proud American, he loyally served his community and the State of Georgia
8 in the National Guard; and

9 WHEREAS, this astute businessman began his career with the Georgia Department of
10 Transportation and he later worked for several major private companies; his experience,
11 leadership, and expertise were instrumental in the construction of the Lindsey Creek By-Pass,
12 the Atlanta Airport runway extension, and the Louisiana Super Dome, as well as power
13 plants and reservoirs in other states; and

14 WHEREAS, as a leader in the construction industry, he founded and grew Nelson
15 Contracting which became a successful business that contributed significantly to our
16 country's economic development; and

17 WHEREAS, he served his community further as the Public Works Director of the Unified
18 Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County; and his construction projects included
19 repairing Manta Road and Gordy Mill Pond Road, installing the Patterson Road storm
20 drainage pipe system, and completing Industrial Park Road from Highway 26 to Broad Street
21 and the Safe Route to Schools; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson is a devoted husband to his wife of more than 52 years, Loretta
23 Nelson, a loving father to their four children, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather
24 to his eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, following his many years of exceptional service to both his country and the
26 citizens of the State of Georgia, Mr. James Henry Nelson will enjoy a much deserved
27 retirement; and

28 WHEREAS, a true southern gentleman, this virtuous, hard-working man has set a high
29 standard for others to follow through his many years of dedicated service to safe and efficient
30 infrastructure, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the successful career and many
31 contributions of this exceptional Georgian be recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize Mr. James Henry Nelson upon the grand occasion of his
34 retirement, commend him for his successful contributions to the development of Georgia's
35 infrastructure, and extend their sincere best wishes for many more years of health, success,
36 and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
39 James Henry Nelson.