

## House Resolution 795

By: Representatives Rhodes of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, O`Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mickey Channell for his many years of dedicated service to the State of  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell, a fourth generation resident of Greene County, graduated  
4 from the Greene County Public School System before attending Young Harris College,  
5 where former Georgia Governor Zell Miller was his political science teacher and baseball  
6 coach; and

7 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell earned a degree in Business Administration from the  
8 University of Georgia Terry College of Business and owned and operated various small  
9 businesses in Greene County, which made him a strong advocate for jobs and economic  
10 development; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a Trustee of the Georgia College and State University Foundation  
12 and on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Cities Foundation, a public-private partnership  
13 that provides loans for revitalization projects for downtown areas in small towns throughout  
14 Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 22 years,  
16 during which time he served on the Appropriations Committee, Health and Human Services  
17 Committee, Human Relations and Aging Committee, Rules and Transportation Committee,  
18 and as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, he is considered an expert on healthcare in Georgia, and his finest achievement  
20 in the House of Representatives was authoring the PeachCare for Kids legislation, which  
21 secures affordable healthcare services for more than 200,000 children of Georgia's working  
22 families; and

23 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell has held many public offices, including membership on the  
24 Greene County Board of Commissioners and the Greene County Board of Education; and

25 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Georgia Nonpublic Post Secondary Education  
26 Commission and is a founding member of the Greene County Rotary Club, an honorary  
27 member of the Greene/Putnam Counties Rotary Club, a former President of the Greene  
28 County Chamber of Commerce, and a co-organizer of the Greene County Youth Baseball  
29 Program; and

30 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell owns and operates Channell Enterprises, a real estate holding  
31 company which he founded in the 1960s; and

32 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wonderful wife of 51 years, Carolyn,  
33 and the happy couple is blessed with four amazing children and nine exceptional  
34 grandchildren; and

35 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mickey Channell is an active member of the  
36 First United Methodist Church of Greensboro; and

37 WHEREAS, Mickey Channell retired from public service in January, 2015, after 42 years  
38 of service to his community and 22 years in the Georgia General Assembly, and it is  
39 abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding Georgian be recognized by this body.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
41 the members of this body commend Mickey Channell for his many years of dedicated service  
42 to the State of Georgia and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health,  
43 happiness, and success.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
46 Mickey Channell.