

House Resolution 893

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, Taylor of the 173rd, Roberts of the 155th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Turner Furniture Company upon the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary;
- 2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, M. W. Turner established Turner Furniture as a hardware store in Pelham,
- 4 Georgia, in 1915; and

- 5 WHEREAS, M. W. Turner, Jr., joined the business in 1929, and during World War II, the
- 6 company began to sell used furniture; and

- 7 WHEREAS, Turner Furniture opened a second location in Cairo in 1940, the company
- 8 expanded to Tifton in 1959, and Wright and Scott Turner joined the family business shortly
- 9 thereafter, making them the third generation of Turners to work for Turner Furniture; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Turner Furniture purchased its location on 2nd Street in Tifton, Georgia, in
- 11 1971 and expanded into Valdosta, Georgia, in 1976, and in 1988, Fortson Turner became the
- 12 first member of the fourth generation of Turners to enter the family business, followed by
- 13 Austin Turner in 1990; and

- 14 WHEREAS, Turner Furniture operated as Turner's Fine Furniture prior to 1990, and though
- 15 the company offered top quality furniture at the lowest possible prices, many people believed
- 16 that it was the most expensive furniture company because of its name; and

- 17 WHEREAS, in order to broaden their market and appeal to more people, Turner's Budget
- 18 Furniture, a bare-bones, no frills operation with lower priced furniture from different
- 19 manufacturers than found in Turner's Fine Furniture, was opened in 1991 in Valdosta,
- 20 Georgia; and

- 21 WHEREAS, Turner's Budget Furniture stores were opened in Tifton, Albany, Moultrie,
- 22 Beachton, and Tallahassee because of the vast success of the original store in Valdosta; and

23 WHEREAS, the current Turner's Fine Furniture store and warehouse on Highway 82 in
24 Leesburg, Georgia, was built in 2001, and in 2003, a 60,000 square foot distribution center
25 was built in Tifton to handle all delivery and warehouse operations; and

26 WHEREAS, Turner Furniture, which is now led by Fortson and Austin Turner, was selected
27 by *Georgia Trend* as Family Owned Business of the Year in 2009; and

28 WHEREAS, Turner Furniture is still operated by the same values that the company was
29 founded upon in 1915, and their reputation for exceptional customer service and for offering
30 the best quality at the lowest possible price still stands today; and

31 WHEREAS, in celebration of their 100th anniversary, Turner Furniture, which currently
32 operates ten locations, is giving away \$100,000.00 in free furniture and is donating
33 \$100,000.00 to qualified charities this year.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body congratulate Turner Furniture upon the grand occasion of its 100th
36 anniversary and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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
39 Turner Furniture.