

## House Resolution 893

By: Representatives Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup>, 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.