

House Resolution 945

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Coomer of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Loving Hearts, Helping Hands: 2015 Heart of the Community Board of
2 Governors recipient, Dr. Paul Ferguson; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Waycross, Georgia, Dr. Paul Ferguson received a bachelor's degree
4 and his doctorate from Emory University and was a surgical intern and a neurosurgery
5 resident at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond; and

6 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army Special Forces as a captain in Vietnam and
7 was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and numerous other military awards; he practiced
8 medicine for over 30 years, with 26 of those years in Rome/Floyd County, and is a retired
9 neurosurgeon and retired President/CEO of Harbin Clinic; and

10 WHEREAS, he served his community on the Board of Directors of Northwest Georgia
11 Technical College, on the Board of Trustees of the Technical College System, and as the
12 chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Northwest Georgia Medical College of Georgia;
13 he also served on the Education Committee of South Rome Redevelopment Corporation, the
14 Future Industries Initiative of Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce, and the Rome City
15 Schools Advisory Committee; and he is a past president of the Rome Rotary Club and a
16 Trustee Emeritus of Berry College; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a recipient of the Dale Threadgill Award for Leadership Georgia, the
18 Distinguished Service Award from Northwest Council of Boy Scouts of America, the
19 Distinguished Service Award from the Rome YMCA, Doctor of the Year for Floyd County
20 in 1979, and Lifetime Honorary Memberships from the Chamber of Commerce and Floyd
21 Medical Center; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a devoted father to his remarkable sons, Jay and Drew, and is a beloved
23 grandfather to five cherished grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Ferguson has set the standard for public service in his community, and
25 it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary Georgian be recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize Dr. Paul Ferguson for his outstanding dedication to
28 public service, commend him as a recipient of the Loving Hearts, Helping Hands: 2015 Heart
29 of the Community Board of Governors award, and extend their sincere best wishes for his
30 future health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
33 Paul Ferguson.