

House Resolution 1207

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Tankersley of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th,
Atwood of the 179th, Burns of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gary Drake on the grand occasion of his retirement from
2 Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Drake has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation
9 (EMC); and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Drake has served as the president and CEO of Excelsior EMC, in Metter,
11 Georgia, for more than 30 years; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans as a First
14 Lieutenant; and

15 WHEREAS, highly involved in his community, he is a current member of Metter Rotary
16 Club, Candler County Young Farmers, and Metter/Candler County Chamber of Commerce
17 and previously served on the boards of many organizations, including the Oglethorpe Power
18 Corporation, the Southeastern Data Cooperative, Incorporated, and the Georgia EMC
19 Community and Economic Development Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Drake is an active member of Metter First
21 Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Fay, and is blessed with two remarkable
23 children, Judd and Davis, and four wonderful grandchildren, Abby, Austin, Maddox, and
24 Kaylin; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in recognizing and commending Mr. Gary Drake on the grand
29 occasion of his retirement from Excelsior EMC.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
32 Gary Drake.