

House Resolution 1710

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Tankersley of the 160th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mayor Margaret Evans on the occasion of her retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Margaret Evans has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Sylvania, where she has served as mayor for 17 years, and in 2013,
6 the Georgia Department of Community Affairs named her the Georgia State
7 Downtown/Better Hometown Volunteer of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, she is involved in many community organizations, including the Sylvania
9 Downtown Development Authority and the Coastal Regional Development Center Board,
10 Friends of Screven County Animals, and in 2010, she was recognized as Rotary Club Citizen
11 of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, she has spent 34 years working on behalf of the citizens of Sylvania, and before
13 she became the mayor, she spent 17 years as a city council member; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Evans served on the Georgia Municipal Association board of directors,
15 and was president of the 12th district, and in 2009, she was inducted into the Georgia
16 Municipal Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, some of her most important achievements as mayor include obtaining a
18 \$900,000 federal Department of Transportation grant to renovate downtown Sylvania to
19 include a new fountain, new infrastructure, streetscape, and sidewalks; successful annexation
20 of property into the Sylvania city limits; and receiving a grant to study the Revolutionary
21 War Brier Creek Battlefield to define the battle site and pinpoint the graves of 150 American
22 patriots buried there; and

23 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is a member of Sylvania First Baptist
24 Church, where she sings in the choir; and

25 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Osal J. Evans, who retired from the
26 Georgia Department of Public Safety as Sylvania State Patrol Post Commander; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Mayor Margaret Evans for her efficient,
31 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate her
32 upon the grand occasion of her retirement, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes
33 for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Mayor Margaret Evans.