

House Resolution 1835

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Susan and Steve Brown on being nominated for the Georgia
2 Downtown Association Volunteers of the Year by Monroe Downtown; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Susan and Steve Brown have been collecting local historical artifacts,
5 photographs, and oral histories for years, and they present these finds during Monroe Then
6 & Now events in various downtown locations; and

7 WHEREAS, during these events, of which the Browns are hosts, Mr. Brown narrates a
8 slideshow of historic photographs followed by present day images taken from the same
9 perspective, also telling the history of why so many of the beautiful historic buildings in
10 Monroe have disappeared over time; and

11 WHEREAS, these presentations have been widely attended in the community and have been
12 instrumental in raising awareness of the importance of historic preservation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Browns organize each event from start to finish and afterward sell copies
14 of the slideshow and stories, produced at their own expense, donating all proceeds toward
15 a growing effort to create a permanent local history museum; and

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17 WHEREAS, Susan and Steve Brown have been an integral part of bringing to fruition the
18 museum dream through countless hours of service, and thus are a part of the inaugural board
19 of the newly formed Monroe Culture and Heritage Museum; and

20 WHEREAS, their faithful dedication and hard work led to the successful opening of the
21 Monroe Culture & Heritage Museum and Monroe Visitors Center in November, 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, the Browns' volunteer contributions to preserve local history have changed the
23 future of Monroe Downtown, and for this reason they are the city's Volunteers of the Year;
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25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary service of these
26 distinguished and remarkable individuals be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Susan and Steve Brown, commend them on their
29 extraordinary public service to their community and the State of Georgia, and congratulate
30 them on their nomination for Georgia Downtown Association Volunteers of the Year.

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 Susan
33 and Steve Brown.