

House Resolution 573

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Blackmon of the 146th, Clark of the 147th, Epps of the 144th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jimmy M. Autry on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jimmy M. Autry hails from southeastern North Carolina and has built an
4 extensive nation-wide portfolio through personal investment of time, energy, and enthusiasm
5 into the people and places he has encountered over nearly 40 years of work in public
6 relations; and

7 WHEREAS, he accumulated diverse experiences and a unique perspective as an outdoor
8 drama journalist, a sports editor, an electric cooperative information specialist, a banking
9 marketer, a member services manager, and a state-wide association marketing leader,
10 completing a distinguished career as a senior vice president for cooperative members and
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, at every opportunity, he has taken leadership and leading positions to utilize his
13 God-given talents that are evident to all as he persistently serves as a facilitator of progress
14 and conduit to higher ground; and

15 WHEREAS, at his very core, he is a communicator, capitalizing on his ability to lead, relay,
16 connect, lift, visualize, strategize, pursue, build, and achieve; and

17 WHEREAS, his ability to communicate has impacted not only an entire nation of
18 communicators through training and mentoring stretching across more than 900 electric
19 cooperatives but has also been heralded by his profession as he is among the very best and
20 the few named to the College of Fellows in the Public Relations Society of America; and

21 WHEREAS, through his time, energy, wisdom, leadership, and finances, he has served as
22 a benefactor to many organizations, including the Houston County Board of Education,
23 Robins Air Force Base, the Museum of Aviation, the Robins Region Chamber of Commerce,

24 the Middle Georgia Youth Science Technology Center, Houston Lake Baptist Church, the
25 Houston County Commission, the City of Warner Robins, the Emergency Management
26 Association of Georgia, Touchstone Energies, the National Rural Electric Cooperative
27 Association, as well as the members and communities of Flint Electric Membership
28 Corporation, to name a few; and

29 WHEREAS, his service has been with honor and distinction at every locale and particularly
30 during his 19 years at Flint Electric Membership Corporation, where his cooperative work
31 and community impact were a direct reflection of his family values, work ethic, community
32 participation, and love for people.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Jimmy M. Autry for his tireless,
35 enthusiastic, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service and congratulate him upon the grand
36 occasion of his retirement, hereby extending the most sincere best wishes for continued
37 health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Jimmy M. Autry.