

House Resolution 682

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Rakestraw of the 19th, Collins of the 68th, Alexander of the 66th, and Gravley of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Boyd L. Austin, Jr., on his outstanding public service and for being nominated for
2 the 2017 US Water Prize Outstanding Public Official; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the US Water Prize Outstanding Public Official award honors an individual
4 who has demonstrated inspiring leadership on water-related issues; and

5 WHEREAS, Boyd L. Austin, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
6 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
7 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his superlative service; and

11 WHEREAS, Boyd was elected Mayor of Dallas in 1995 and has been reelected on five
12 successive occasions, making him the longest serving mayor in Dallas' history; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the first official from Paulding County to assume the role of President
14 of the Georgia Municipal Association, leading more than 520 cities; and

15 WHEREAS, Boyd has served as Chairman of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
16 since 2015 and has served on its board since being appointed by Governor Perdue and
17 reappointed by Governor Deal; and

18 WHEREAS, this outstanding Georgian has served on the governing board of the
19 Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District since 2003, has served as Chairman
20 since 2011, and has been recognized numerous times as an authority on water issues,
21 bringing national recognition to the Water District for its conservation and public outreach
22 efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, Boyd's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
24 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
25 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

28 WHEREAS, Boyd has served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and his vision
29 and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body honor Boyd L. Austin, Jr., for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
34 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
35 continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Boyd L. Austin, Jr.