

House Resolution 1019

By: Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Teasley of the 37th, Cooper of the 43rd, and Setzler of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. W.T. "Chip" Nelson upon the grand occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, W.T. "Chip" Nelson was born in Rome, Georgia, and has lived in Marietta,
4 Georgia, since 1951; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology from
6 Southern Technical Institute, which was later named Southern Polytechnic State University,
7 and most recently joined with Kennesaw State University; and

8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Gayle Cantrell Nelson on February 2,
9 1968, and has been blessed with three remarkable children, Thomas, Joshua, and Deanna;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Chip started his career in electric cooperatives in 1972 with Pike Electrical
12 Contractors as a ground man on an overhead construction crew; and

13 WHEREAS, he was asked in 1973 to join Cobb Electric Membership Corporation (EMC)
14 as the cooperative's first employee in the Engineering Department, where he continued to
15 serve in the field and as a supervisor until 1994 when he was appointed vice president of
16 Engineering and Operations; and

17 WHEREAS, he was named chief operating officer in 2003 and president and chief executive
18 officer in 2011, making him the sixth president and CEO to serve Cobb EMC since the
19 cooperative's inception in 1938; and

20 WHEREAS, Chip was instrumental in Cobb EMC's phenomenal growth and in developing
21 one of the most advanced power distribution and management systems in the world; and

22 WHEREAS, he has served in numerous leadership roles within the electric cooperative
23 industry, including on the Leadership Advisory Council for the 11th Congressional District,
24 as a member of the Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors, and as
25 chairman of Georgia EMC's Government Relations Committee; and

26 WHEREAS, Chip currently serves the community as a member of the Cobb Chamber of
27 Commerce Board of Directors, the Boy Scouts of America's Atlanta Area Council Board of
28 Directors, the Polytechnic Foundation of Kennesaw State University Board of Trustees, and
29 the American Heart Association Atlanta Division's Atlanta Heart Walk Board of Directors;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, his leadership in improving quality of life within our community has earned
32 Cobb EMC Georgia EMC's 2014-2015 EMC of the Year Award, Georgia EMC's Community
33 Service and Volunteerism Award, the title of Northeast Cobb Business Association's 2014
34 Business of the Year, and the Cobb Chamber of Commerce's Sam Olens Business
35 Community Service Award in 2014 and 2015; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the life and accomplishments of this
37 extraordinary citizen be recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend W.T. "Chip" Nelson for his outstanding
40 service to the electric cooperative industry; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
41 retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
44 W.T. "Chip" Nelson.