

House Resolution 1043

By: Representative Price of the 48<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and recognizing Mayor W.L. "Pug" Mabry, longtime mayor of Roswell; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Roswell was chartered by an act of the Georgia General Assembly  
4 of the State of Georgia in 1837; and

5 WHEREAS, W.L. "Pug" Mabry was born to William Lee Mabry and Edna Jenkins on  
6 September 3, 1927, and moved from the city of Sandy Springs to live in the City of Roswell  
7 in 1956; and

8 WHEREAS, the "Mabry Rock" in Roswell was named to honor the ancestors of Pug Mabry  
9 at which place they stopped in 1841 when they first arrived to settle in this area; and

10 WHEREAS, the monument to the Mabry rock was located and returned and rededicated in  
11 the Leita Thompson Park on May 26, 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, Pug Mabry married Sara Lane of Roswell in 1946 and they have been blessed  
13 with two sons, Wayne and Randy; and

14 WHEREAS, W.L. "Pug" Mabry was elected mayor of the City of Roswell in 1966 when just  
15 5,000 people lived in the city; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Mabry is a sports enthusiast and was instrumental in obtaining 63 acres  
17 of park land for the City of Roswell that is now called the Roswell Area Park; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Mabry's vision and determination for an expanded park system has come  
19 to fruition and the city has been nationally recognized for its excellence in Recreation and  
20 Parks programs; and

21 WHEREAS, he will always be remembered for his leadership role in opening the Roswell  
22 Municipal Complex, which includes a remarkable city hall, performing arts center, law  
23 enforcement center, historic plantation, and library; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor Mabry supported the historic preservation of the antebellum homes  
25 purchased by the City of Roswell and the designation of the historic district to include 656  
26 acres; and

27 WHEREAS, he also worked for over 40 years for Flagler Construction Company, overseeing  
28 field operations during a time when Roswell saw tremendous growth; and

29 WHEREAS, the City of Roswell has been repeatedly recognized as one of the best places in  
30 the United States in which to live and raise a family; and

31 WHEREAS, W.L. "Pug" Mabry served as mayor of the City of Roswell for 31 years, making  
32 him the longest serving mayor in the history of Roswell; and

33 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roswell granted him the honorary title of Mayor  
34 Emeritus in recognition of his accomplishments and sacrifices on January 1, 1998; and

35 WHEREAS, he was previously honored in 1988 by the Georgia General Assembly for his  
36 accomplishments, and House Resolution Number 75 designated a portion of State Highway  
37 9 to be named the W. L. "Pug" Mabry Highway; and

38 WHEREAS, he has served his community admirably and its citizens are grateful for his  
39 abiding love, vigilance, and commitment to the citizens of Roswell; and

40 WHEREAS, he attained the age of 90 on September 3, 2017, and was honored on that joyous  
41 occasion by his wife Sandra, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many  
42 friends and dignitaries at a celebration held at the Roswell First Baptist Church, a special  
43 place where he has served as a deacon.

44 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body congratulate Mayor W.L. "Pug" Mabry for 90 years of a  
46 remarkable life and appreciatively recognize him for his contributions and service to his  
47 fellow citizens in the City of Roswell.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
50 Mayor W.L. "Pug" Mabry.