

House Resolution 826

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Margaret Ayers for 75 years of service at Northeast Georgia
2 Bank; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Margaret Ayers of Lavonia, Georgia, has long been recognized by the citizens
4 of this state for her phenomenal and inspiring professional and civic career and her deep
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia, for which the Community
6 Bankers Association of Georgia awarded her its Lifetime Service Award in 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, this incredible individual joined Northeast Georgia Bank in 1944, and for 75
8 years, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents,
9 and energy in every department of the bank; and

10 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, and her keen sense of vision have served her well in various leadership
12 positions, including being the first female president of the Franklin County Chamber of
13 Commerce and the Lavonia Chamber of Commerce; first female member and president of
14 the Lavonia Lions Club; chairwoman of the Lavonia Historic Preservation Commission;
15 board member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, the Department of Family
16 and Children Services, and the Greater Lavonia Community Inc.; vice chairwoman of the
17 Lavonia Housing Authority; treasurer of Friends of Lavonia Carnegie Library; and secretary
18 of the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity; and

19 WHEREAS, she is also a 69 year member of the Order of Eastern Star and 67 year member
20 of the Lavonia United Daughters of the Confederacy; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has received numerous awards, including
22 Humanitarian of the Year, Remarkable Woman of the Year in Business, and the Lions
23 International Hall of Fame distinction, and she is the namesake of the community's premier
24 community award, the Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health; and

25 WHEREAS, this wonderful example of a dedicated public servant was married to Mayor
26 Herman Ayers and was the first lady of Lavonia for 22 years; and

27 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an 80 year member of First Baptist
28 Church of Lavonia; and

29 WHEREAS, Margaret Ayers is the epitome of a great southern lady and Georgian, and it is
30 abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Margaret Ayers for contributing 75 years
33 of continuous employment at Northeast Georgia Bank and extend their most sincere best
34 wishes for continued success and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Margaret Ayers.