

## House Resolution 884

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, and Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Richard Boone upon the grand occasion of his 80th  
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richard Boone was born on January 19, 1940, in Holly Springs, Mississippi,  
4 the son of Willie and Richard Boone; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard went to Marshall Court Agricultural School, and at age 19, he moved  
6 to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he began working for Little Rock Wholesale; and

7 WHEREAS, while in Little Rock, Richard met his future wife, Priscilla Maddy; they married  
8 in 1962, had their first child, Gigi, in 1963, and had their second child, Richard Jr., in 1968;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Richard moved throughout Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas before moving to  
11 Athens, Georgia, in 1987 to become the president of McLane's Southeast, Southern, and  
12 Dothan Divisions; and

13 WHEREAS, after a long and successful business career, Richard retired in 2008 and has  
14 spent the last decade investing his time and resources into multiple nonprofit organizations  
15 across the region; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard helped begin the Northeast Food Bank 28 years ago and has remained  
17 active with it since then, having recently assisted with the day-to-day operations during the  
18 search process for a new executive director; and

19 WHEREAS, he has served on many nonprofit boards and supported dozens of nonprofit  
20 organizations in Athens, such as the Athens Technical College Foundation, the Classic  
21 Center Authority, Extra Special People, Lydia's Place, the Boy Scouts of America, and many  
22 others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, Richard remains active in the business community, serving with the Athens  
26 Chamber of Commerce; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superb accomplishments of this  
28 wonderful individual be commended and congratulated upon the grand occasion of his 80th  
29 birthday.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Richard Boone for his decades of service, congratulate  
32 him upon the grand occasion of his 80th birthday, and extend best wishes for future  
33 happiness.

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