

House Resolution 1143

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, and Frye of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Anne Shepherd for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the
2 Athens Downtown Development Authority and commending her for years of active
3 involvement in the Athens community; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, a graduate of Statham High School and the University of Georgia, Anne
5 Shepherd has been a dynamic member of the Athens community for many years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Anne Shepherd and her husband, Billy, purchased Chick Piano in 1964 after
7 the death of its founder, Lewis Chick, and moved its location from Lumpkin Street to
8 Clayton Street in downtown Athens; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Anne Shepherd assumed ownership of the business in 1988 after her husband's
10 passing, continuing to serve customers along with their children, Van, Steve, Carol, and
11 Christy; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Chick Music has gone on to be an integral part of the Athens business
13 community as not only one of the few remaining family owned businesses but also the single
14 oldest business in the city, having served Athens residents for 78 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to her position as a prominent businesswoman, Anne Shepherd has
16 served as president of the Downtown Council, president of the Athens Pilots Club, a member
17 of the Downtown Development Board of Directors, a volunteer at Athens Regional Medical
18 Center, and an active member of Beech Haven Baptist Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, Anne Shepard was presented with the Lifetime
20 Achievement Award by the Athens Downtown Development Authority in recognition of her
21 service to the community as a business proprietor and an active citizen.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body congratulate Anne Shepherd for receiving the Lifetime
24 Achievement Award and commend her for her commitment to improving the City of Athens.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Anne
27 Shepherd.