

Senate Resolution 802

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th and Brass of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion
2 of its 65th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1955 as the
4 Carrollton Chamber of Commerce, and in 1975, under the leadership of Eddie Cole, it
5 expanded to serve Carroll County—the Cities of Bowdon, Carrollton, Mount Zion,
6 Roopville, Temple, Villa Rica, and Whitesburg—and rebranded itself as the Carroll County
7 Chamber of Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, key figures such as Woodfin Cole, Roy Richards Sr., Robert Tisinger, Bill
9 Lomason, Lamar Plunkett, and Stanley Parkman guided the launch of the Carroll County
10 Chamber of Commerce, and their driving force behind its founding was to help find jobs for
11 veterans returning home from military service; and

12 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is successful thanks to the
13 engagement of more than 650 member businesses and executes an annual plan in the areas
14 of business development, work force development, government affairs, leadership
15 development, member support, and marketing and communications; and

16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is to build a stronger
17 business community by engaging progressive leaders and diverse resources, and it works
18 with community partners to preserve the rural heritage of the county while also recruiting
19 new businesses and development to its partner cities; and

20 WHEREAS, Daniel Jackson, the president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, has
21 served the community with honor and distinction for more than 40 years, serving as chair of
22 the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and the Tanner Medical
23 Center Board. He is a graduate of Leadership Georgia and serves on advisory boards for the

24 Richards College of Business and the College of Education at the University of West
25 Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce created a program in 1999 called
27 Carroll Tomorrow, a public-private partnership that serves as the primary economic
28 development entity for Carroll County; and the two entities operate as one cohesive system,
29 recruiting \$1.425 billion in new investment, attracting or retaining 9,644 jobs, and adding
30 \$321 million in new payroll since its inception.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its
33 65th anniversary and express their best wishes for continued success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Carroll County
36 Chamber of Commerce.