

Senate Resolution 181

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mayor Joe Jerkins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, lifetime City of Austell resident Mayor Joe Jerkins is the recipient of the Austell
3 Business Association's 2003 M. L. Lamar Lifetime Achievement Award, to be presented
4 February 18, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins is the fourth recipient of this distinguished award, named for
6 Austell resident Marlin L. Lamar, that honors a lifetime of contributions to the City of
7 Austell; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins was chosen in recognition of his outstanding community service
9 and for his continuing dedication to serving in the face of adversity; and

10 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated dedication to revitalizing Austell's downtown area with
11 a five-year project that will create a new look for the city, focusing on improved parking, a
12 streetscape, a tree-lined median, and a user-friendly environment; and

13 WHEREAS, he has earned the reputation of statesman by his willingness to listen to the
14 opinions of others before making decisions and has a proven record of leadership and vision
15 evidenced by the acquisition of the historic Coats and Clark threadmill and surrounding
16 acreage utilizing grant funding and the city's matching funds; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Jerkins's priority has always been the welfare of the citizens of Austell
18 while maintaining the city's home town atmosphere; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Douglasville High School and attended Lithia Springs
20 Elementary School; and

1 WHEREAS, both the Mayor and his wife of 44 years, Sandra, were born and raised in the
2 Austell area where their families have lived for generations and where their own children and
3 grandson continue to live; and

4 WHEREAS, he has served as Mayor of Austell since 1999 and has made many contributions
5 to his community during his tenure.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 commend Mayor Joe Jerkins for his significant contributions and service as a community
8 leader in the City of Austell and Cobb County and recognize him as an outstanding citizen
9 of the State of Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mayor Joe Jerkins.