

House Resolution 152

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Barton of the 5th, Ridley of the 6th, and Tarvin of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Spring Place Ruritan Club for its 70th anniversary
2 celebration; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Spring Place Ruritan Club celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding on
4 December 3, 2020, at Old Spring Place Methodist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, chartered on December 20, 1950, and sponsored by the Eastside Ruritan Club,
6 the Spring Place Ruritan Club first served as the PTA of Spring Place Elementary; and

7 WHEREAS, the club held its first fall carnival in 1951 or 1952, using the money it raised to
8 purchase a commercial stove for the school's new lunchroom; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1952, the club became one of the first contributors to the fund to purchase
10 the Vann House for restoration; and

11 WHEREAS, the club went on to purchase lunches for students in need as well as hand
12 warmers and ice makers, and as technology changed, the club further helped the school buy
13 its first televisions; and

14 WHEREAS, as further testament to its dedication to philanthropy, the club eventually
15 donated vacuum cleaners, copy paper, duplicating fluid, Xerox machines, toner, computers,
16 and smartboards to the school; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to its monetary support, the club recognized retiring faculty and staff
18 and contributed to the Tiger Store and the PBIS program; and

19 WHEREAS, as Murray County grew, the club began to reach out to help more people in
20 need, and in the 1970s, the club wrote letters of support and made donations to build a new
21 hospital and bring more doctors to the area; and

22 WHEREAS, the club has made donations to the Georgia Sheriff's Home since 1969, the
23 Murray County Rescue Squad since 1973, the EMT's since 1980, the Red Cross since the
24 1980s, the Spring Place Cemetery, and the Chatsworth-Murray County Library; and

25 WHEREAS, in accordance with its long-standing history of supporting educational
26 institutions, the club has maintained a scholarship program at Murray County High School;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, in 1998, upon the suggestion of Ruth Cox, the club began cosponsoring an
29 annual community festival to raise funds for maintaining the Old Spring Place Methodist
30 Church, the oldest public building in Murray County; and

31 WHEREAS, participating in more than 25 community events or causes each year, the club's
32 recent activities include Flags across Murray, Community Christmas, and Christmas in the
33 Park; and

34 WHEREAS, each club gathering begins with birthday and anniversary greetings followed
35 by the singing of "America," a club tradition; and

36 WHEREAS, its meeting in August is traditionally an ice cream supper held at the old gym
37 site while most other meetings are held in different places based on availability, such as a
38 restaurant or a member's house; and

39 WHEREAS, the monthly meetings are famous for their pot luck style meals, where members
40 are encouraged to try out new recipes on one another; and

41 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
42 extraordinary club be appropriately recognized.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body congratulate and commend the Spring Place Ruritan Club upon the
45 grand occasion of its 70th anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of
46 benevolent service to the community.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
49 Spring Place Ruritan Club.