

House Resolution 459

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Franklin of the 160th, Hitchens of the 161st, Parrish of the 158th, and Newton of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Matt Brinson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Matt Brinson has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
3 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
4 dramatically by his superlative leadership as part of the Planters Electric Membership
5 Corporation (EMC); and
- 6 WHEREAS, he began his 48-year tenure as a warehouse clerk and progressed through
7 positions such as plant accountant, manager of administrative services, and assistant manager
8 before assuming the role of general manager on February 1, 1999, leading the cooperative
9 in serving consumers across seven counties in Southeast Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he has contributed significantly to the cooperative sector through his service on
11 the Go Energy Financial Credit Union Board, the Smarr EMC Board, and the Georgia
12 Energy Cooperative Board; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he further exemplified his dedication to the rural electric industry by serving
14 as president of the Georgia Rural Electric Managers' Association in 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, his contributions to Jenkins County were recognized when he was named the
16 2014 Jenkins County Citizen of the Year, a testament to his commitment to community
17 service and civic engagement; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional and civic contributions, he is co-owner of
19 Brinson's Barbeque, an iconic family restaurant in Jenkins County founded by his parents in
20 1966, which he continues to operate alongside his two sisters; and

21 WHEREAS, Matt Brinson is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
22 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction with Planters EMC, and his vision and
24 unyielding commitment to advancing rural electric services will be sorely missed upon his
25 retirement; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Matt Brinson for his many exemplary
30 years of service to Southeast Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
31 retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Matt
34 Brinson.