

## Senate Resolution 535

By: Senators Brass of the 6th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Denney H. Rogers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Denney H. Rogers has faithfully served as mayor of Ephesus, Georgia, for 35  
3 years since being elected when his father, Lonnie L. Rogers, the first mayor, retired; he has  
4 maintained that post in each election without opposition; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Rogers Family has left a long and indelible impact in Ephesus; along with  
6 their political history, the family also owned and operated a sawmilling and lumber business  
7 named L. L. Rogers and Son; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Denney lives in the house that his grandfather, Frank Rogers, built in 1923; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the house recently made history when it was named a Georgia Centennial Farm,  
10 as it has been farmed in the same place by the same family for more than 100 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as mayor, Denney has improved his community by building one of the most  
12 active libraries in the West Georgia Library System, a city hall that serves the more than 400  
13 citizens of Ephesus, and a new fire station that serves the surrounding area; and

14 WHEREAS, he has led his community to pave roads, build ball fields, and construct an event  
15 barn as well as a community center to serve the families of Ephesus and the surrounding  
16 area; and

17 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in developing water systems whose lines extend far out of  
18 his community in several directions, has added four wells to that system, paid in full for the  
19 system, and has done so while keeping his town debt-free; and

20 WHEREAS, he continues to serve his community in developing new projects such as the  
21 proposed Veteran's Park, which is in the beginning stages; and

22 WHEREAS, Denney serves his city, county, and state in many other ways including, but not  
23 limited to, serving on the West Georgia Regional Library Board for many years, in the local  
24 Lions Club, on the Soil and Water Board, with the Rolling Hills Resource Conservation and  
25 Development Council with the National Resources Convention Service, as well as serving  
26 on the Agribusiness Council Board of Directors and chairing a Sacred Harp singing group  
27 that meets annually in the city of Ephesus; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize and commend Denney H. Rogers for his 35 years of service to Ephesus, Georgia,  
34 and the surrounding area.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Denney H. Rogers.