

House Resolution 966

By: Representative Anderson of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carl Stokes upon his retirement as Chairman of the Rabun
2 County Republican Party; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carl Stokes is retiring after two years of dedicated service as Chairman of the
4 Rabun County Republican Party, having brought unmatched enthusiasm, commitment, and
5 visibility to the position; and

6 WHEREAS, after attending the 2023 county convention in his iconic 1937 "Mr. Green
7 Jeans" pickup truck adorned with Trump flags, Carl was encouraged to take on the role of
8 chairman, a position he embraced with full energy and unwavering dedication; and

9 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Rabun GOP ranked among the top five counties in
10 Georgia for early voting turnout in the 2024 presidential election and operated a
11 six-day-a-week campaign headquarters in Mountain City for four months; and

12 WHEREAS, he organized several high-impact events that drew local and statewide attention,
13 including a three-night Reagan film-fest at the Tiger Drive-In Theater and the Trump
14 Armada at LaPrade's Marina on Lake Burton; and

15 WHEREAS, Carl played a leading role in hosting the 2024 9th District Republican
16 Convention in Dillard, Georgia, and fostered bipartisan civic engagement by co-hosting a
17 municipal debate with the Rabun County Democrats at the Civic Center; and

18 WHEREAS, the Rabun GOP received an award for outstanding fund-raising under his
19 leadership, while Treasurer Linda Burns was honored with the Horatio Alger Award by the
20 9th District; and

21 WHEREAS, he further demonstrated tireless personal involvement by designing and
22 building Christmas parade floats, helping install campaign signs across Rabun County, and
23 leading efforts that made the county the top seller of gun raffle tickets in the district; and

24 WHEREAS, his final major event as chairman—the Low Country Boil—was a resounding
25 success, bringing together Georgia GOP Chairman Josh McKoon, 95.5 WSB talk show host
26 Shelley Wynter, and Congressman Andrew Clyde; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
28 appropriately honored during this special time.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Carl Stokes upon the grand occasion of
31 his retirement as Chairman of the Rabun County Republican Party and extend best wishes
32 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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