

## House Resolution 1259

By: Representatives Herring of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Crowe of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Washburn of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, and Camp of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the efforts of the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce for its  
2 significant contributions to economic development, community leadership, and the  
3 cultivation of local talent through the Leadership Monroe program; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce has served as a cornerstone  
5 of the Middle Georgia business community since 1978, steadfastly pursuing its mission to  
6 promote commerce, community, and tourism in Monroe County; and

7 WHEREAS, the Chamber is a primary driver of economic vitality, leading Monroe County  
8 toward its vision of becoming the premier business community in Georgia by supporting  
9 local enterprises and fostering an environment where businesses of all sizes can thrive; and

10 WHEREAS, the Chamber's signature Leadership Monroe program stands as a transformative  
11 nine-month experience designed to empower, educate, and equip citizens to serve their  
12 community through a curriculum rooted in experiential learning and self-discovery; and

13 WHEREAS, Leadership Monroe participants gain an intensive, firsthand look at the essential  
14 pillars of the county, including sessions dedicated to City and County Government,  
15 Economic Development, Education, Healthcare, Agriculture, and Community Service; and

16 WHEREAS, through this rigorous program, emerging and established leaders develop a deep  
17 understanding of how Monroe County operates daily, creating a network of informed citizens  
18 ready to guide the civic and economic future of the region; and

19 WHEREAS, the Chamber further enriches the cultural and economic landscape of Middle  
20 Georgia by hosting the annual Forsythia Festival, a Southeastern Tourism Society Top 20  
21 Event that draws thousands of visitors to downtown Forsyth each spring; and

22 WHEREAS, the organization's success is a testament to the dedication of its Board of  
23 Directors and professional staff, who work tirelessly to bridge the gap between business  
24 interests and community needs; and

25 WHEREAS, under the current leadership, the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of  
26 Commerce continues to be a vital advocate for pro-business initiatives and a catalyst for  
27 collaborative relationships that benefit every citizen of Forsyth and Monroe County.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce for  
30 its exemplary efforts in driving economic growth, nurturing community leaders, and  
31 fostering a vibrant quality of life in Monroe County.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition is given to President and CEO Melissa Lee,  
33 Chairwoman Kerri Swearingen, and the entire Board of Directors and staff for their vision,  
34 dedication, and unwavering commitment to the prosperity of Middle Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce.