

Senate Resolution 812

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th and James of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending GreyStone Power Corporation for 90 years of making life
2 better in the communities it serves; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power Corporation is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric
4 cooperative that serves more than 135,000 members in Bartow, Carroll, Cobb, Coweta,
5 Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, and Paulding counties; and

6 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power Corporation was founded as the Farmers Electrical
7 Association on August 24, 1936, in Douglas County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the communities the Farmers Electrical Association served did not have
9 electrical service due to the estimated cost of \$1,500 per mile for construction of power lines
10 in rural areas; and

11 WHEREAS, the Farmers Electrical Association secured an \$83,000 loan from the federal
12 Rural Electrification Administration in September 1936 to construct 83 miles of power lines,
13 connecting 320 members in the original four-county service area; and

14 WHEREAS, the board of directors officially changed the name of the cooperative to Douglas
15 County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) on June 30, 1937; and

16 WHEREAS, cooperative employees became experts in the use of new electrical appliances
17 in order to teach members how to use electrical appliances; and

18 WHEREAS, the cooperative's infrastructure became another important facet in ensuring
19 success does not depend on one's zip code, with the signing of a contract with Bell Telephone
20 Company in 1952 to bring telephone service to rural areas; and

21 WHEREAS, in continuing the mission to better serve its employees and members, Douglas
22 County EMC worked with Georgia EMC, the statewide EMC association, to form a
23 statewide federal credit union in the late 1960s; and

24 WHEREAS, the EMC moved toward system automation in 1983 with the use of the new
25 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system in order to restore power more quickly
26 after outages and increase safety protocols for employees; and

27 WHEREAS, the membership voted to change the name of the cooperative to GreyStone
28 Power Corporation on October 4, 1988; and

29 WHEREAS, in conjunction with Jackson EMC and Walton EMC, GreyStone Power founded
30 EMC Security to provide security and fire protection in 2006; and

31 WHEREAS, the cooperative recognized that the digital divide in west Georgia needed to be
32 addressed and founded GreyStone Connect, a broadband subsidiary, to bring high-speed
33 internet access to its members in 2024; and

34 WHEREAS, as of January 2026, GreyStone has energized more than 7,800 miles of line,
35 serving more than 155,000 meters and 135,000 members; and

36 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power's goal is to make life better in the communities it serves,
37 which has been accomplished through millions in charitable giving, \$205 million returned
38 in capital credits to its membership, and volunteer efforts of its employees in the eight-county
39 service area.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize and commend GreyStone Power Corporation for 90 years of making life better in
42 the communities it serves.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to GreyStone Power
45 Corporation.