

Senate Resolution 814

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Hatchett of the 50th and Strickland of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Kay Pippin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Kay Pippin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
4 the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by her superlative service as Mayor of Jackson, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 2013, Kay Pippin was the first woman to seek the mayor's seat in the 200
9 year history of the city of Jackson, Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during her tenure as mayor, she installed over four miles of new water and
11 sewer lines, installed new water infrastructure leading to the industrial park, paved numerous
12 streets, installed new LED street lamps, landscaped the town square, built an 11 mile
13 mountain biking and hiking trail connecting the downtown to Indian Springs State Park,
14 removed over 160 blighted properties, and purchased a number of new police and public
15 works vehicles including a new, state-of-the art fire truck; and

16 WHEREAS, she also secured green spaces for pocket parks and planted multiple trees,
17 ensured employees received annual salary increases and improved benefits each year the
18 mayor was in office, continued the city's history of no city property taxes, secured the city's
19 first ever state and federal grants totaling \$8 million, and successfully managed 8 city
20 services including 24/7 police, fire, city court, roads and streets, water and sewer, as well as
21 delivery of electricity to over 5,000 customers; and

22 WHEREAS, prior to her election, she served nine years (1985-1994) on the Butts County
23 Board of Education and had an extensive career with the Georgia Association of Educators
24 where she served in many capacities including Director of Government Relations and Chief
25 Lobbyist; and

26 WHEREAS, she served as a lobbyist in 24 sessions of the Georgia General Assembly and
27 coordinated the political involvement of over 40,000 school employees during her career;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, after her 1998 retirement from the Georgia Association of Educators, Kay
30 Pippin served as the President/CEO of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce in
31 McDonough, Georgia, from 2002 to 2013; and

32 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Chamber became a powerful voice and partner on
33 important public policy issues, including improving academic success of the public school
34 system, securing a technical college, building one of Georgia's first academies for advanced
35 studies, securing a new exit on I-75, and conducting annual planning retreats involving 80
36 leaders of county and city governments; and

37 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
38 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 recognize and commend Kay Pippin for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
43 public service to the City of Jackson, Henry County, Butts County, and the State of Georgia
44 and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Kay Pippin.