

## Senate Resolution 854

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Kay Pippin; and for other purposes.
  
- 2 WHEREAS, in 2013, Kay Pippin was the first woman to seek the mayor's seat in the 200  
3 year history of the city of Jackson, Georgia; and
  
- 4 WHEREAS, during her tenure as mayor, she installed over four miles of new water and  
5 sewer lines, installed new water infrastructure leading to the industrial park, paved numerous  
6 streets, installed new LED street lamps, landscaped the town square, built an 11 mile  
7 mountain biking and hiking trail connecting the downtown to Indian Springs State Park,  
8 removed over 160 blighted properties, and purchased a number of new police and public  
9 works vehicles including a new, state-of-the art fire truck; and
  
- 10 WHEREAS, she also secured green spaces for pocket parks and planted multiple trees,  
11 ensured employees received annual salary increases and improved benefits each year the  
12 mayor was in office, continued the city's history of no city property taxes, secured the city's  
13 first ever state and federal grants totaling \$8 million, and successfully managed 8 city  
14 services including 24/7 police, fire, city court, roads and streets, water and sewer, as well as  
15 delivery of electricity to over 5,000 customers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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