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House Resolution 1012

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending GreyStone Power Corporation for outstanding service to its
- 2 members; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the not for profit, member owned electric cooperative now known as GreyStone
- 4 Power Corporation was formed in 1936 to deliver electric service to unserved people in west
- 5 Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power serves more than 129,000 members in portions of eight
- 7 counties including Bartow, Carroll, Cobb, Coweta, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, and Paulding;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, the cooperative has been recognized as an industry leader for its customer
- 10 service excellence and historically low power rates; and
- 11 WHEREAS, GreyStone currently offers members ancillary services such as a credit union,
- 12 residential and commercial security, and surge protection services; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the cooperative recognized that the digital divide in west Georgia needed to be
- 14 addressed and founded GreyStone Connect, a broadband subsidiary, which will deliver

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15 high-speed fiber internet access for unserved and under served Georgia residents starting in

- 16 2024; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the fiber optic network will offer members access to symmetrical gigabit
- 18 internet capabilities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the benefits of the cooperative's broadband subsidiary will include online
- 20 learning opportunities, telehealth access, videoconferencing, and other quality of life
- 21 improvements; and
- 22 WHEREAS, economic development and growth in GreyStone Power's service area over the
- course of the cooperative's history have transformed the area; and
- 24 WHEREAS, with the benefit of GreyStone Connect, there will be a new driver of economic
- 25 growth in west Georgia; and
- 26 WHEREAS, the fiber network will also benefit GreyStone Power's electric members by
- 27 improving power outage response times and providing more efficient electricity delivery; and
- 28 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power's contributions to the community have been invaluable and
- 29 west Georgia is incredibly fortunate to have it; and
- 30 WHEREAS, GreyStone Power's exceptional service and dedication will have a long-lasting
- 31 impact on the future of west Georgia.

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 33 the members of this body recognize and commend GreyStone Power Corporation for
- 34 outstanding service to its members.
- 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
- 37 GreyStone Power Corporation.