

House Resolution 1054

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Hagan of the 156th, Yearta of the 152nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending H. Lehman Franklin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, through his visionary leadership as dealer principal at Franklin Toyota in
3 Statesboro, Georgia, H. Lehman Franklin has been honored as one of five finalists for the
4 2024 *TIME* Dealer of the Year award, one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and
5 highly coveted honors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was nominated by his peers to represent the Georgia Automobile Dealers
7 Association and was chosen as one of only 49 dealers nominated out of more than 16,000
8 dealers nationwide. He was nominated and selected as a finalist in recognition of both his
9 exemplary work in the industry and his long-standing commitment to community service;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, embodying the ethos of nurturing talent and fostering community engagement,
12 H. Lehman Franklin has championed a workplace culture that values employee development
13 and positions Franklin Toyota to serve as a positive societal influence; and
- 14 WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure as dealer principal, Franklin Toyota has
15 undergone a \$1 million renovation to incorporate state-of-the-art facilities such as EV

16 charging stations, energy-efficient LED lighting, and enhanced customer and employee
17 spaces; and

18 WHEREAS, his leadership extends beyond the dealership to pivotal roles in industry
19 advocacy, including his service as a board member and immediate past chair of the Georgia
20 Automobile Dealers Association; and

21 WHEREAS, H. Lehman Franklin has long demonstrated his deep-rooted dedication to the
22 welfare of his community through his comprehensive support for the Georgia Police K9
23 Foundation, his sponsorship of educational scholarships, and his involvement in a myriad of
24 charitable activities that benefit the quality of life in Statesboro, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body congratulate H. Lehman Franklin upon his nomination and
29 selection as a finalist for the 2024 *TIME* Dealer of the Year award, commend him for his
30 many years of outstanding service to both the automotive industry and his community, and
31 extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to H.
34 Lehman Franklin.