

House Resolution 153

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, England of the 116th, Powell of the 32nd, McCall of the 33rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the Honorable Nancy Beach Denson; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nancy Beach Denson has served Athens-Clarke County and the State of
4 Georgia with distinction since moving to Athens from Tennessee in 1965 with her late
5 husband, Bob Denson; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Denson was the first woman elected to the Athens City Council, taking
7 office in 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Denson served 25 years as Tax Commissioner of Clarke County and
9 provided a model for the rest of the state and nation for tax collection – never evicting a
10 single person from his or her home; and

11 WHEREAS, upon her success in the tax commissioners office, she was elected Mayor of
12 Athens-Clarke County in 2010 in a five-way race and reelected with 60 percent of the vote
13 in 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, during her time as mayor, she brought unparalleled growth and economic
15 development opportunities to Athens-Clarke County, including major projects such as
16 Caterpillar and Johnson & Johnson's Ethicon manufacturing plants; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Denson is a model for bipartisanship for our state and nation, defying
18 partisan politics and often earning praise from individuals across the political spectrum; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout her life, Mayor Denson has devoted herself to public service,
20 including her efforts to help found the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank out of her own
21 garage; and

22 WHEREAS, as a mother of four children (Bobby, Diane, Kathleen, and Margaret) and wife
23 to the late Bob Denson, Mayor Nancy Denson has been a devoted and loving daughter, wife,
24 and mother.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Honorable Nancy Beach Denson for her decades of
27 public service and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Nancy Beach Denson.