

## House Resolution 179

By: Representatives Collins of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Huddleston of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, and Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Carrollton Lions Club; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for over a century, local Lions clubs have participated in programs focused on  
3 sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach,  
4 international relations, environmental issues, and more; and

5 WHEREAS, just as Lions International was founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones in Chicago,  
6 Illinois, so too does the Carrollton Lions Club have a rich and deep history, which it has  
7 cultivated since its was chartered on March 14, 1933; and

8 WHEREAS, in just the first year it was chartered, the club presented its first scholarship,  
9 graded four tennis courts for West Georgia College, sponsored an anti-malaria campaign in  
10 Carrollton Schools, conducted a survey of blind people and provided them with white canes,  
11 sponsored a college basketball game, purchased new furniture for the Carrollton Clinic, put  
12 on a fish fry with another civic club, and more; and

13 WHEREAS, for the past 90 years, the members of the Carrollton Lions Club have dedicated  
14 innumerable hours of their time and energy toward the citizens of Carrollton and Carroll  
15 County, Georgia, upholding the Lions International motto: "We Serve"; and

16 WHEREAS, as further testament to the club's impact, the Carrollton High School Band owes  
17 much of its creation in 1948 to the club's fund-raising efforts, which allowed for the purchase  
18 of band instruments and for John Dillard, the school's first director, to be paid salary; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
20 extraordinary club be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body congratulate the Carrollton Lions Club upon the grand occasion  
23 of its 90th anniversary, commend it for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the  
24 citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and  
25 success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Carrollton Lions Club.