

House Resolution 333

By: Representative Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Cocchi; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of William Cocchi, former mayor of Mansfield, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, an Atlanta native, Mr. Cocchi worked at Continental Forest Industries for  
5 almost 40 years, and upon his retirement he moved to Newton County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Mansfield, Georgia, in 1992, and during his 19-year  
7 tenure as mayor he was dedicated to improving the operations at City Hall, as well as making  
8 advancements throughout the entire City of Mansfield; and
- 9 WHEREAS, William Cocchi re-engineered the city's electrical systems, replaced many of  
10 the city's power poles, invested in the city's water system, pushed advancements for the  
11 infrastructure, and renewed the city's finances; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he would routinely welcome each new citizen into the community with a house  
13 call, and he visited and checked in on elderly citizens often; and
- 14 WHEREAS, William Cocchi was united in love and marriage to Lyra, and was blessed with  
15 four remarkable children, Jennifer, William, Jr., David, and Mark, seven wonderful  
16 grandchildren, and 14 exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Cocchi will long be remembered  
24 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, public servant, and  
25 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Cocchi and  
28 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 family of William Cocchi.