

House Resolution 921

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ralph M. Owens on his outstanding public service as mayor
2 of Lavonia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph M. Owens, resident of Lavonia, Georgia, has long been recognized
4 by the community for his civic-mindedness and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Lavonia; and

6 WHEREAS, his significant leadership skill and keen sense of vision have served him well
7 as mayor of Lavonia for 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, this distinguished individual has also served as a Franklin County sheriff's
9 deputy, a Lavonia police officer, a volunteer firefighter, a city councilman, a member of the
10 Hart-Franklin-Stephens Development Authority, a member of the Georgia Mountain
11 Regional Commission, and as chairperson of the Franklin County Industrial Building
12 Authority for ten years; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Lavonia has prospered with new businesses, a hospital,
14 and the Ralph M. Owens Law Enforcement Center; implementation of large infrastructure
15 projects; and renovation of the Lavonia Historic Depot, the Lavonia Carnegie Library and
16 the Lavonia Agriculture Building; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a member of Lavonia First Baptist Church and a dedicated husband and
18 father; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Ralph M. Owens for his efficient,

23 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
24 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
25 continued health and happiness.

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 Ralph
28 M. Owens.