

House Resolution 980

By: Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Don Cargill and commending him on his various achievements; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Don Cargill graduated from Troy State College, possesses degrees from
4 University of Alabama, and has also pursued additional studies at the University of Northern
5 Arizona, Emory University, and the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, he is a member of First Baptist Church of Dawsonville,
7 and was united in love and marriage to his wife, Margaret Wittner Cargill, to whom he has
8 been married for 54 years, and with whom he has been blessed with one child, Cathy, and
9 two exceptional grandchildren, Brooke and Blythe; and

10 WHEREAS, he is the President of the Dawsonville Lion's Club and a member of the Library
11 Board for Dawson County; and

12 WHEREAS, Don began state service in 1972 after being appointed Executive Director of the
13 State Council on Vocational Education by Governor Lester Maddox; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as Senior Vice President for the State Chamber of Commerce for
15 governmental affairs and as Vice President for the Atlanta Gas Light Company for
16 governmental and regulatory affairs; and

17 WHEREAS, Don was appointed by Governor Harris to serve as a member on the Governor's
18 Committee on Workers' Compensation and by Governor Busbee to serve as part of the
19 Georgia Hazardous Waste Authority; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served as Chairman of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources
21 Advisory Committee; was elected as a member of the Rockdale County Board of Elections,
22 where he served as chairman for 20 years; is a Certified Association Executive, and became

23 the first Georgian to receive the "Award of Excellence for Governmental Relations" from the
24 American Society of Association of Executives; and is President of J.D. Cargill &
25 Associates, Inc., a business and political consulting firm; and

26 WHEREAS, Don was selected to be in the top ten lobbying firms in Georgia by *James*
27 *Magazine*; was the first lobbyist to receive the Lobbyist of the Year award by other lobbyists;
28 was selected to be in the first class of the Georgia Lobbyist Hall of Fame; and retired from
29 full-time lobbying in 2017; and

30 WHEREAS, he is widely recognized in his profession for his work ethic, thoroughness, and
31 patient demeanor and he has built a legacy of professionalism worthy of emulation; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the achievements of this exemplary
33 citizen be recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize Don Cargill and commend him on his various
36 achievements.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 Don Cargill.