

Senate Resolution 126

By: Senator Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion
2 of its 68th anniversary and its sister organization Carroll Tomorrow on its 24th anniversary;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1955 as the
5 Carrollton Chamber of Commerce and in 1975, under the leadership of Eddie Cole, was
6 expanded to serve the entirety of the county, including the cities of Bowdon, Carrollton,
7 Mount Zion, Roopville, Temple, Villa Rica, and Whitesburg; it was eventually re-branded
8 as the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, key community leaders, including Woodfin Cole, Roy Richards Sr., Robert
10 Tisinger, Bill Lomason, Lamar Plunkett, and Stanley Parkman, guided the launch of the
11 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, and their paramount priority in founding the
12 chamber was to help find jobs for veterans returning home from military service; and

13 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce remains the county's most prominent
14 and largest business association thanks to the engagement of more than 650 member
15 businesses, with programming in business development, workforce development,
16 government affairs, leadership development, and member support; and

17 WHEREAS, the mission of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is to Build a Stronger
18 Business Community to Foster Prosperity for All, and it works with community partners to
19 preserve the rural heritage of the county while also recruiting new businesses of all sizes
20 grow and prosper; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce launched a new,
22 public/private partnership called Carroll Tomorrow to serve as the primary economic
23 development entity for Carroll County; the two entities operate as one cohesive framework,
24 recruiting \$1.46 billion in new investment, attracting or retaining 12,000 jobs, and adding
25 \$400 million in new payroll since its inception; and

26 WHEREAS, Jill Duncan, chairman of the Chamber Board; Loy Howard, chairman of the
27 Carroll Tomorrow Board; and the dedicated members of the Board of Directors of both
28 organizations, along with a talented professional team led by President and CEO Karen
29 Handel, continue to create meaningful, lasting contributions that bolster the economic vitality
30 and success for the businesses and residents of Carroll County.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on its 68th anniversary
33 and Carroll Tomorrow on its 24th anniversary and express their sincerest best wishes for
34 continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Carroll County
37 Chamber of Commerce and Carroll Tomorrow.