

Senate Resolution 283

By: Senators Sims of the 12th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jon B. Howard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jon B. Howard was born in the unincorporated Capps community in Jefferson
3 County, Florida, to the late Boysie and Rosa Howard; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he received his secondary education in the Dougherty County School system,
5 graduating from Dougherty County High School in 1974 and receiving a political science
6 degree from Albany State University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Jon has tirelessly worked for more than 45 years in voter registration and voter
8 education and has assisted candidates running for political office on the local, state, and
9 federal levels; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Jon had political aspirations for himself starting at age ten, and on
11 August 10, 1993, he was elected as the city commissioner for Ward 1 in a run-off election,
12 being sworn in on January 10, 1994; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has served as Ward 1's city commissioner for 29 years, making him the
14 longest serving member of the Albany Board of City Commissioners; and

15 WHEREAS, he has regularly hosted Town Hall Meetings, often introducing his constituents
16 to candidates seeking local, state, and federal offices; and

17 WHEREAS, he has served on many boards and committees, including the Albany Board of
18 Pension Trust Board since 1997, the Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful Board since 2013,
19 and the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission since 2019; and

20 WHEREAS, he has continually strived to improve the quality of life for his constituents by
21 addressing the problems of crime, poverty, and unemployment; and

22 WHEREAS, his accomplishments include organizing monthly meetings of the
23 Albany/Dougherty County Gang Task Force, recognizing the achievements of students
24 enrolled in the Dougherty County School System, and successfully recruiting Walmart to
25 East Albany.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize Jon B. Howard, Ward 1, city commissioner, for his contributions to the citizens
28 of Albany and specifically the citizens of Ward 1.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all citizens to join
30 in congratulating Jon B. Howard for his more than 29 years of exemplary public service.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jon B. Howard.