

Senate Resolution 315

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th and Anderson of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Ramsey Furniture Company upon the grand occasion of its 100th
- 2 anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, for 100 years, Ramsey Furniture Company has been home to Covington's
- 4 largest selection of home furnishings with more than 30,000 square feet of furniture on
- 5 display and is one of the largest and oldest furniture dealers in Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, C.D. Ramsey founded the Ramsey Furniture Company in the fall of 1919; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Ramsey had five children, most of whom worked in the
- 8 store; C.D. Ramsey, Jr., started working at the store in 1922 and continued to manage it until
- 9 his son, Sam Ramsey, returned from military service in 1964; Sam continues to work at the
- 10 store to this day; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Sam later became the Mayor of the City of Covington and served in this
- 12 position from 1998 to 2008; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mayor Samuel David Ramsey is a fifth generation descendent of the original
- 14 settlers of Newton County, Georgia, and was united in love and marriage to his wife,
- 15 Rebecca Ann Griffin Ramsey; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mayor Ramsey is president and CEO of Ramsey Furniture Company, served
- 17 as the chairman of the Salem Camp Ground Program Committee for 53 years, and served the
- 18 City of Covington for 37 years, including 11 years as the mayor; and
- 19 WHEREAS, because of Mayor Ramsey's leadership, the City of Covington was named the
- 20 "City of Excellence" by *Georgia Trend Magazine* in 2003, which attracted hundreds of new
- 21 businesses to the City of Covington; and

22 WHEREAS, these new businesses had an economic impact of billions of dollars; under the
23 leadership of Mayor Ramsey, the City of Covington also established a homeless center and
24 many other facilities for the underprivileged, lengthened the Covington Municipal Airport
25 runway, and refurbished downtown Covington; and

26 WHEREAS, an astute local leader, Mayor Ramsey has been a member of the First United
27 Methodist Church of Covington for 79 years, served in the United States Air Force during
28 the Cuban Missile Crisis, and has been a member of the Executive Board of the Atlanta Area
29 Council of Boy Scouts of America for 50 years and Kiwanis International for 53 years; and

30 WHEREAS, the Ramsey family, with its long-standing relationships with furniture
31 manufacturers, is able to pass savings on to their customers; and

32 WHEREAS, serving the people they know has always been enjoyable for the Ramsey family,
33 and it is something that sets the store apart from other, larger furniture chains; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the unparalleled personal
35 customer service experience offered by Ramsey Furniture Company.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 congratulate Ramsey Furniture Company upon the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary
38 and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ramsey Furniture
41 Company.