

House Resolution 1372

By: Representatives Frye of the 118th, Wiedower of the 119th, Gaines of the 117th, Alexander of the 66th, Fleming of the 121st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Kiwanis Club of Athens; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Athens, founded March 11, 1920, is the fifth oldest
3 Kiwanis Club in Georgia and is one of the oldest civic clubs in Athens, and on March 11,
4 2020, it will celebrate its 100th anniversary; and
- 5 WHEREAS, many prominent Athens leaders in business, education, government, law,
6 science, medicine, social services, the arts, the military, and other fields have been members
7 of the Kiwanis Club of Athens and have led the club, faithfully adhering to the high
8 standards and noble ideals of Kiwanis as set forth in the Six Objects of Kiwanis
9 International; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in keeping with the primary mission of Kiwanis to serve children, the Kiwanis
11 Club of Athens has made support of schools and educational endeavors in Athens a
12 paramount priority and has devoted countless volunteer hours and substantial financial
13 assistance toward promoting academic achievement for students, assisting teachers, funding
14 literary and environmental projects, beautifying school grounds, and bolstering educational
15 excellence in Athens; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Athens also sponsors the Circle K Club at the University
17 of Georgia, helping club members live out the Kiwanis ideals of service, compassion, and
18 responsibility. The club has further promoted learning and literacy in Athens by donating
19 children's books to hospital waiting rooms, volunteering with organizations that assist
20 children with hearing and visual impairments, and supporting other programs that promote
21 reading for children; and
- 22 WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Athens additionally donates thousands of dollars annually
23 to agencies and organizations in Athens that extend help and hope to children and their

24 families coping with hunger, homelessness, illness, family disruption, parental neglect, low
25 educational attainment, and social estrangement; and

26 WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Athens has helped to further enhance the Athens
27 community by helping to install sidewalks, planting trees and flowers, opening nature trails,
28 and cleaning roadside litter; and

29 WHEREAS, through its many projects, programs, and activities, the Kiwanis Club of Athens
30 embodies the great American tradition of citizen-driven community service and has for 100
31 years been a bright shining star in the galaxy of civic life in Athens, contributing
32 immeasurably to progress, prosperity, enlightenment, civility, security, altruism, and
33 goodwill for the Athens community and for a richer, more abundant life for its citizens.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend the Kiwanis Club of Athens and express
36 a grateful appreciation to the club for a century of dedicated service to Athens and its
37 citizens.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 Kiwanis Club of Athens.