

House Resolution 1721

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Don Russell upon his induction into the Georgia Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Don Russell, a 16 year resident of Bent Tree, was inducted into the Georgia  
4 Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame on October 17, 2013, and honored as the founder of the  
5 Boys & Girls Club of North Georgia, which he has guided with integrity, thoughtfulness, and  
6 forward-thinking leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, he was previously awarded the Bronze Medallion by the Boys & Girls Clubs  
8 of America for club achievements and community involvements; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his role as founder of the Boys & Girls Club, Don has been  
10 instrumental in leading the campaign to raise funds to construct a new building for the Boys  
11 & Girls Club; over the last two years the campaign has raised \$1.7 million dollars, and the  
12 current goal is to raise \$500,000.00 in Pickens County, which will allow the organization to  
13 have a ground breaking in the first quarter of 2014 with a construction target for mid-2014,  
14 allowing the Boys & Girls Club to expand its offering to pre-teens in Pickens County and  
15 provide a place for teenagers in Pickens County; and

16 WHEREAS, Don may be best known for his role in opening and operating the Community  
17 Thrift Store; he has been part of opening six non-profit organizations and serving on the  
18 boards of several others, is recognized locally for his leadership, and was selected as the  
19 Pickens County Citizen of the Year in 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, Don's community involvement in the past 14 years also includes founder and  
21 chairman of Pickens County Community Resource Association, Inc.; co-founder and board  
22 member of the Community Emergency Shelter; founder and treasurer of the North Georgia  
23 Men's Christian Fellowship; former president of Pickens County Family Connections;  
24 founder of Prison Ministry After-Care; former board member of The Joy House; former

25 executive director of Keep Pickens Beautiful; former chairman of the Community/Social  
26 Development Task Force of the Pickens County Economic Development Commission;  
27 former member of the Georgia Mountain Hospice Advisory Board; former board member  
28 of Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center; founder and director of the Community  
29 Resource Center; former board member of Timothy House; and board member of Ruth  
30 House.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body honor Don Russell upon his induction into the Georgia Boys &  
33 Girls Club Hall of Fame.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Don Russell.