

House Resolution 1778

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ruben and Novella King, 2016 Tattnall Chamber of  
2 Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award recipients; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ruben and Novella King were joined in love and marriage in 1950, and after  
4 their home burned to the ground, they started completely over with a \$65.00 loan; and

5 WHEREAS, they have been blessed with 12 remarkable children, and their family includes  
6 83 wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, after losing his mother as a child, Mr. King, equipped with only a third grade  
8 education, has overcome numerous obstacles to lead a successful life and serve as a role  
9 model to many; and

10 WHEREAS, after working at the local grocery store for many years, Mr. King set out to  
11 become his own boss, and his businesses include Reba's Kitchen, King's Trailer Park, and  
12 King Brothers Funeral Homes; and

13 WHEREAS, he provided work crews for pulpwood and contracted tobacco workers, and the  
14 Kings purchased automobiles to provide transportation to those in need and later added  
15 emergency transportation vehicles; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. King worked as a certified nurse's assistant at Tattnall Memorial Hospital  
17 and Glenvue Nursing, as a waitress for the Glass and Town Restaurants, and as a custodian  
18 at Diamond Elementary School in Fort Stewart; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. King is a very accomplished seamstress, and in 1980, she became a  
20 licensed florist; and

21 WHEREAS, people of deep and abiding faith, Mr. and Ms. King founded the Center of Life  
22 Church of God, where they have served their entire lives; and

23 WHEREAS, the Kings established the Martin Luther King parade and celebration in  
24 Glennville, which still continues today, and their children have carried on the tradition of  
25 service through this organization, which is now known as the Committee for Social Change;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, upon retirement, the Kings turned to gardening, which provided them an outlet  
28 to once again share the fruits of their labor with their neighbors, and Mr. King keeps a  
29 personal yet very historical museum in his backyard to display the pictures of those to whom  
30 he attributes his success.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Ruben and Novella King, 2016 Tattnell  
33 Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award recipients and extend their most  
34 sincere best wishes for continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Ruben and Novella King.