

House Resolution 185

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mayor Ralph Owens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ralph Owens has served as mayor of the City of Lavonia, Georgia, for 25 years;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Owens began his career with the city as a volunteer fireman in the
5 mid-1960s and worked for both the city fire department and the city police department before
6 he served as a county deputy under sheriffs Clifford Royston and Joe Foster; and

7 WHEREAS, he served on the city council in Lavonia before he ran for, and was elected,
8 mayor of that city in 1990; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Owens has been instrumental in expanding both city operations and
10 industrial operations, and in 1995, AutoZone, Bosal, and the Wright Brothers came to
11 Lavonia, creating more than 500 jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, during Mayor Owens' tenure, there have been expansions in the police
13 department, the street department, the water department, and the sewage treatment plant; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Ralph Owens has honorably served the City of Lavonia for the past 25
15 years, and under his leadership, the city has grown and prospered tremendously.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Mayor Ralph Owens on his 25 years as mayor of
18 Lavonia, Georgia.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor
21 Ralph Owens.