

House Resolution 225

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Ridley of the 22nd, and Parsons of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Woodstock Fire & Rescue Chief Dave Soumas on his
2 outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Woodstock Fire & Rescue Chief Dave Soumas has long been recognized by the
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Woodstock Fire and Rescue Department; and

9 WHEREAS, as the longest tenured chief in city history, Chief Soumas has advanced the
10 capabilities of the department by establishing special units, ensuring that every member of
11 the department received Basic Life Support certification with the State of Georgia, and
12 introducing two rescue trucks; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Soumas has led the department in significant advancements and
14 milestones, securing an Insurance Services Office rating of 1 for the City of Woodstock, the
15 highest score awarded out of the over 27,000 fire departments nationwide, and Woodstock

16 is one of only 456 departments that has earned an ISO rating of 1, indicating the highest level
17 of fire protection for citizens and property owners; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Soumas' significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
19 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
20 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Soumas has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and
24 unyielding commitment to excellence and will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his
25 retirement; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Woodstock Fire & Rescue Chief Dave
30 Soumas for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service; congratulate him upon
31 the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
32 health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Woodstock Fire & Rescue Chief Dave Soumas.