

## House Resolution 241

By: Representatives Chastain of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Efstration of the 104<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Edgar Land, the 2024 Citizen of the Year; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through his lifelong commitment to service, mentorship, and leadership, Edgar  
4 Land has made a profound and lasting impact on Gilmer County and beyond, resulting in his  
5 recognition as the 2024 Citizen of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, he is an active member of New Hope Baptist Church, where he serves as a  
7 deacon and Sunday school teacher, mentors others through Bible studies, and shares his  
8 musical talents as a pianist; and

9 WHEREAS, he extends his service beyond his church by leading Bible studies for residents  
10 at The Oaks Assisted Living Facility, offering them spiritual guidance and fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, Edgar Land has mentored countless young people throughout the community,  
12 positively influencing their lives and guiding them toward success and fulfillment; and

13 WHEREAS, he has held leadership roles in numerous community organizations, including  
14 the Ellijay Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Gilmer County, and has served as past

15 president of the Coosawattee Shrine Club, Past Worshipful Master of the Oak Bowery  
16 Lodge, and Past Grand Master of the Masons in Georgia, the highest office in Masonry; and

17 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedicated service, he was awarded the Scottish Rite  
18 Mason's 33rd Degree, a distinguished honor achieved by few; and

19 WHEREAS, he has additionally overseen impactful programs such as the Georgia Child  
20 Identification Program (GACHIP), which provides comprehensive child recovery,  
21 identification, and abduction awareness resources to parents; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be  
23 appropriately honored during this special time.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Edgar Land, the 2024 Citizen of the Year,  
26 as well as extend sincere best wishes for future health, happiness, and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Edgar  
29 Land.