

House Resolution 337

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, and Thomas of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 75th anniversary of The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, plans for a chamber of commerce in Coweta County, Georgia, began with a
4 meeting in 1947 at the home of Dr. R.C.S. Young; and

5 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce opened its first offices over the
6 Newnan Carnegie Library on September 15, 1947, with A. Edward Allees as managing
7 secretary and a board consisting of Dr. James Arnold, Bryan Hammond, Joe Hollis Sr.,
8 Rhodes Johnson, E.B. Joiner, J.H. McDonald, A. Lamar Potts, Walter D. Sanders, J. Marvin
9 Starr, and Dr. R.C.S. Young; and

10 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce has since worked diligently to
11 foster economic growth in Coweta County and maintain an enviable quality of life for
12 residents of the county; and

13 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in bringing
14 numerous businesses and industries to Coweta County and worked with existing companies
15 in expanding; and

16 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce has organized numerous
17 organizations to facilitate healthy growth, including, in a single year, the Industry Safety
18 Council, the Business Women's Network, and the Young Professionals of Coweta; and

19 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce has advocated successfully for
20 making Coweta County part of the metro Atlanta toll-free phone exchange, creating a local
21 hotel/motel tax, passing sales tax referenda for schools and for infrastructure projects, the
22 addition of an interchange on Interstate 85 and the formation of the Central Educational
23 Center, and a charter high school; and

24 WHEREAS, The Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce achieved 5-Star Accreditation
25 from the United States Chamber of Commerce in 2013 and was named the 2015 National
26 Chamber of the Year, the first chamber in Georgia to receive this distinction.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body celebrate the 75th anniversary of The Newnan-Coweta Chamber
29 of Commerce and commend the organization's continued efforts to enhance Coweta County
30 as a place to live, work, and do business.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The
33 Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce.