

Senate Resolution 18EX

By: Senators Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mayor Joe Lockwood; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mayor Joe Lockwood has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Milton, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Joe Lockwood is a proud Georgian who represents the very best of this state
6 and this country with his persistent selflessness, steady demeanor, big heart, and relentless
7 commitment to his community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Joe Lockwood started his business, JK Lockwood Construction, in Fulton
9 County some 32 years ago, the same year he married his beloved life partner, Dawn; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Joe and Dawn Lockwood raised one daughter and two sons together in this area,
11 with all matriculating in local schools and with Joe loving nothing more than spending time
12 with his family; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2006, after state legislation paved the way for the creation of the City of
14 Milton from unincorporated parts of Fulton County, Joe Lockwood ran to be Milton's first
15 mayor and won; and

16 WHEREAS, Joe Lockwood has served Milton well in the 15 subsequent years while serving
17 with an evolving city council and handily winning re-election three times; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe Lockwood's popularity stems in large part from his sincerity, smarts,
19 authenticity, and willingness to go the extra mile for citizens, which he has done again and
20 again; and

21 WHEREAS, at city council meetings and beyond, Joe Lockwood has also proven to be an
22 adept problem-solver, consensus-builder, and able steward of preserving Milton's treasured
23 rural heritage; and

24 WHEREAS, Milton would not be the wonderful city it is today without Joe Lockwood, who
25 never forgets what makes Milton special or those he serves; and

26 WHEREAS, Joe Lockwood will leave office in January 2022 as the beloved captain of an
27 efficient, effective, responsive, and service-oriented government that reflects his own values;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the people of Milton know Joe Lockwood well as the best possible example of
30 what a public servant should be: always ready to listen, lend a helping hand, and find
31 solutions with humility and grace; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend Mayor Joe Lockwood for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
36 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor Joe
40 Lockwood.