House Resolution 42 By: Representative Bonner of the 72<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Fayette Chamber of Commerce on its 50th anniversary;

2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, in 1966, members of the Fayette County Jaycees, including Crawford Bailey,
- 4 Huie L. Bray, David Carnes, James K. Connor, Toby Cooper, Edward Davis, Floy Farr,
- 5 Claude Goza, A. Hewlette Harrell, Ray Hensley, H. Crawford Hewell, Samuel L. Jones, Eric
- 6 Lee, Derrel Martin, C.J. Mowell, Jr., Neal Nunnally, Clarence Stanley, and J.M. Vickery
- 7 identified the need for a Chamber of Commerce in Fayette County, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, on January 12, 1967, Fayette County received a charter to create a Chamber of
- 9 Commerce for the purpose of improving the county's tax base and encouraging new business
- 10 and industry to locate in Fayette County; and
- 11 WHEREAS, hardworking, civic-minded business and community leaders have steered the
- 12 Fayette Chamber since its inception; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Fayette Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in developing
- 14 community assets, including Piedmont Fayette Hospital which created hundreds of jobs in
- 15 its 20 years and accessible health service for people in the community and region; and
- WHEREAS, the Fayette Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in leading community initiatives, including Fayette Visioning, where collaborative and inclusive leadership come together to elevate education, prosperity, employment opportunities, and quality of life in Fayette County to unrivaled heights; and
- 20 WHEREAS, serving more than 700 members, the Fayette Chamber mission is to promote
- 21 business and enhance economic development through leadership, service, and advocacy for
- 22 Fayette County; and

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- 23 WHEREAS, the leaders of the Fayette Chamber work to sustain a favorable business climate
- 24 which enables existing and new business to prosper by aggressively promoting responsible
- 25 economic growth, employment opportunities, responsible government, excellence in
- 26 education, strong business relationships, and quality of life; and
- 27 WHEREAS, this year, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Fayette
- 28 Chamber of Commerce, which is the county's leading broad-based business organization and,
- 29 today, is more than 700 dedicated, civic-minded community members strong.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 31 the members of this body recognize and commend the Fayette Chamber of Commerce for
- 32 50 years of service leadership and commitment to Fayette County.
- 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 the
- 35 Fayette Chamber of Commerce.