

House Resolution 788

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th and Frye of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Athens Community Council on Aging on the occasion
2 of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) was founded in July of 1967
4 after a small group of concerned local citizens recognized the need for services supporting
5 older adults in Athens and surrounding communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the organization first began with visitation and recreation programs, which
7 utilized volunteers, and throughout its 50 year history, the ACCA has grown into a private,
8 nonprofit organization providing 14 aging service programs to 25 Northeast Georgia
9 counties, becoming one of the leading agencies of its type in the Southeastern United States;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, with a mission to promote a lifetime of wellness through engagement,
12 advocacy, education, and support, ACCA's programs ensure that older adults have every
13 opportunity to live and age well; and

14 WHEREAS, the ACCA provides numerous home and community based services, including
15 Meals on Wheels, adult day health care, the local senior center, Senior Corp and senior
16 employment programs, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, programs that support
17 grandparents raising grandchildren, community transportation, GeorgiaCares, and
18 opportunities for older adult engagement through volunteerism; and

19 WHEREAS, each year, the ACCA provides direct services to more than 7,000 individuals
20 and engages more than 200 volunteers; and

21 WHEREAS, the ACCA has made a difference in the lives of numerous people and provides
22 outstanding services to those in need, making it abundantly fitting and proper that this
23 successful civic organization be recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate the Athens Community Council on Aging on the
26 grand occasion of its 50th anniversary, commend it for its many outstanding contributions
27 on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its continued growth and
28 success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Athens Community Council on Aging.