

House Resolution 1414

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Clark of the 147th, and Bentley of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Larry Collins on his outstanding public service as mayor of
2 Byron, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Larry Collins has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service as mayor of the City of Byron for 22 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry grew up in Byron, Georgia, earned a bachelor's degree from Mercer
10 University, and served valiantly in the United States Army for four years; and

11 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mercer University School of Law, Larry opened his own
12 law firm in 1970 and went on to engage in public service as Byron's city attorney in 1974 as
13 a way for him to share his talents with his beloved city and pay it forward; and

14 WHEREAS, he first served as mayor of Byron from 1976–1983 and again from 2004 until
15 his retirement in December 2019; he believes his greatest accomplishment was the Byron
16 Municipal City Complex, which brought together city departments, including the Byron
17 Police Department, into one physical location; and

18 WHEREAS, Larry's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
19 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
20 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, Larry has served the City of Byron with honor and distinction and his vision
24 and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Larry Collins for his efficient, effective,
29 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the City of Byron and the State of Georgia;
30 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best
31 wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry
34 Collins.