

House Resolution 751

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Gaines of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Rotary Club of Jefferson on its 80th anniversary and for its continued
2 service in the community, the State of Georgia, and around the world; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional
4 leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations,
5 and helps build goodwill and peace in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, the object of the Rotary Club is to develop friendship and community, promote
7 high ethical standards in business and professions, and nurture the dedication to service in
8 each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and

9 WHEREAS, the Rotarian's primary motto is "Service Above Self," its secondary motto is
10 "One profits most who serves best"; and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 clubs in more
12 than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's
14 most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy,
15 the eradication of polio, and the provision of safe drinking water; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Jefferson was founded March 31, 1938, by dedicated
17 individuals who believed in Rotary's philosophical cornerstone expressed through club
18 service, vocational service, community service, and international service; and

19 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Rotary Club has been honored by Rotary International as an
20 outstanding affiliate and as one of the district's oldest Rotary Clubs; and

21 WHEREAS, with more than 40 members, the Rotary Club of Jefferson is one of the most
22 successful chapters in District 6910; and

23 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Rotary Club has made a difference in its community over the
24 decades by undertaking youth programs, roadside cleanups, sponsoring events such as the
25 citywide Easter Egg Hunt, building ramps for the aged and infirm, and supporting efforts to
26 see that citizens throughout the world are immunized against polio; and

27 WHEREAS, club members continue to raise funds through various projects, including the
28 rotary flag program, Vidalia onion sales, and the annual golf tournament, to fund scholarship
29 awards for one outstanding student at all four local high schools, to fund the Georgia Rotary
30 Student Program, and to fund the Hal Puett Scholarship for one deserving Junior Reserve
31 Officer Training Corps (JROTC) student; and

32 WHEREAS, the vision of a few Jefferson leaders, with the support of hundreds of members
33 over the past 80 years, has created a legacy that will long be part of its community's history
34 and a positive, guiding light in its future.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the Rotary Club of Jefferson and its members for 80
37 years of service to the City of Jefferson, the State of Georgia, and citizens around the world.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 Rotary Club of Jefferson.