

## House Resolution 916

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Allen of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Wilkerson of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Max Bacon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Smyrna, Georgia, Max Bacon was born on October 10,  
3 1948, to Arthur T. and Dorothy Moseley Bacon; he attended Smyrna Elementary School and  
4 graduated from Campbell High School in 1966; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Max Bacon served in the Georgia Air National Guard from 1966–1970 and  
6 retired from the United States Postal Service after a 40 year career that culminated in his  
7 position as postmaster of the Smyrna Post Office; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served on the Smyrna City Council from 1979–1985, representing Ward 2,  
9 and followed in the footsteps of his father, who was mayor of Smyrna from 1976–1980 and  
10 again from 1982 until his death in 1985; and
- 11 WHEREAS, following his father's death, Max Bacon was elected as mayor of Smyrna, a  
12 position he held until his retirement in 2019; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Max Bacon shepherded the City of Smyrna through a period of unprecedented  
14 population growth, transforming the structure of the city's government to adapt to the  
15 increasingly complex daily operations and establishing the position of city administrator; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Max Bacon led Smyrna through a major redevelopment phase that transformed  
17 the city into a regional leader in downtown revitalization, starting with the Smyrna Library  
18 and Community Center, which opened in 1991; the City Hall in 1996; and the flagship fire  
19 station in 1996; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Smyrna Market Village and the Village Green were completed in 2002,  
21 ending the decade-long process of Smyrna's transformation; and

22 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Max Bacon, the City of Smyrna became one of the most  
23 popular places to reside in the metro-Atlanta area, featuring a small-town atmosphere that  
24 aligned with a progressive approach to city government; and

25 WHEREAS, the Market Village firmly established the value of mixed-use development,  
26 which subsequently began a pattern of new mixed-use development in the metro area; and

27 WHEREAS, during Max Bacon's tenure as mayor, the City of Smyrna received numerous  
28 awards, including the Urban Land Institute's prestigious Award For Excellence; and

29 WHEREAS, a tireless supporter of Smyrna's businesses and schools, Max Bacon also led a  
30 transformation of Smyrna's parks that further enhanced the city's quality of life; and

31 WHEREAS, Max Bacon established the Mayor's Education Awards to honor outstanding  
32 students, teachers, and volunteers in Smyrna's schools; and

33 WHEREAS, Max Bacon broke a council tie vote over the introduction of food truck events  
34 outside the Perimeter in 2012, pioneering yet another successful trend in economic  
35 development and citizen amenity; and

36 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Max Bacon, the City of Smyrna earned a AAA bond  
37 rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services; and

38 WHEREAS, while he often said he was "just the mayor," it is clear that no one loves Smyrna  
39 more than Max Bacon; furthermore, Max Bacon is equally devoted to his children,  
40 grandchildren, brother, sisters, and friends; and

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

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
44 the members of this body recognize and commend Max Bacon for his efficient, effective,  
45 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the  
46 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
47 health and happiness.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Max  
50 Bacon.