

Senate Resolution 690

By: Senators Payne of the 54th and Gooch of the 51st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Tim Howard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, officially recognized as Mr. Murray County History, Tim Howard has been  
3 involved in preserving and sharing the history of Murray County, Georgia, for most of his  
4 life; and

5 WHEREAS, his passion for local history was sparked in his early years, during which he  
6 participated in preservation efforts while attending school and was honored as the 1983  
7 Murray County Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of Murray County; and

8 WHEREAS, after his graduation from Berry College, Tim spent 34 years as a teacher in the  
9 Murray County School System, earning the 1986 and 1990 Murray County Teacher of the  
10 Year award for his exemplary service; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1987, he chaired the committee that assisted in the researching, writing, and  
12 editing of the *Murray County Heritage*, one of the county's most comprehensive historical  
13 records, and in 1988, he was part of the formation of Friends of the Vann House, where he  
14 served for 40 years; and

15 WHEREAS, during his 40 year-long tenure, he helped begin the Vann House Days program  
16 and the Christmas Candlelight tours, both of which remain to this day; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his previous teaching awards, he was further recognized in 1996  
18 as the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Teacher of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council selected him to receive its  
20 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding efforts in archival and records  
21 work in Georgia in 2020; and

22 WHEREAS, in his nearly 50 years with the Whitfield Murray Historical Society, Tim has  
23 served three terms as president and held other prominent leadership positions; and

24 WHEREAS, he has been a faithful member of the Spring Place Ruritan Club for 33 years,  
25 where he currently serves as secretary, and due to his work, Spring Place was successfully  
26 nominated onto the National Register for Historic Places; and

27 WHEREAS, by the example Tim has made of his life, he makes this world a better place in  
28 which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Tim Howard for his many years of outstanding historical preservation work in  
31 Murray County, Georgia, and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
32 happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tim Howard.