A RESOLUTION

1- 1 Recognizing Rainwater's General Merchandise store; and for
1- 2 other purposes.

1- 3 WHEREAS, Ira and Rachael Rainwater opened Rainwater's
1- 4 General Merchandise in Rex, Georgia, in 1937; and

1- 5 WHEREAS, for the 48 years they managed the store this
1- 6 Clayton County couple served their small, rural community by
1- 7 providing groceries, gasoline, feed, and hardware to the
1- 8 citizens who lived in the surrounding area, and they were
1- 9 always available to render assistance to persons in need;
1-10 and

1-11 WHEREAS, Rainwater's General Merchandise became the focal
1-12 point of the community, a place where citizens gathered to
1-13 discuss current issues and visit their neighbors; and

1-14 WHEREAS, on August 15, 1993, David and Phyllis Bettis
1-15 assumed the duties of running the store, and they now
1-16 operate it under its original name of Rainwater's General
1-17 Merchandise and have returned the store to its 1930s design
1-18 and format while serving a community which has greatly grown
1-19 and is now a large suburban area.

1-20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
1-21 REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize
1-22 Rainwater's General Merchandise as a renowned landmark of
1-23 Clayton County and Rex, Georgia, and commend Rachael
1-24 Rainwater and the late Ira Rainwater for their service to
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend
David and Phyllis Bettis for their commitment to maintaining
a noted tradition in their outstanding Georgia community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of
Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an
appropriate copy of this resolution to Rachael Rainwater and
to David and Phyllis Bettis.

Office of the Clerk of the House
Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House
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