

House Resolution 880

By: Representatives Harbin of the 113th, Birdsong of the 123rd and Jackson of the 112th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 To recognize and commend Henry S. Black, II; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Henry S. Black, II, was a junior at the Academy of Richmond County in
3 December, 1942, when he was drafted into military service as a result of World War II; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the armed forces of the United States in January, 1943, and
5 served this country admirably during World War II in the Philippines and rose to the rank
6 of staff sergeant before his discharge in 1946 after 37 months of service; and
- 7 WHEREAS, upon his return to Richmond County, he was unable to return to his education
8 due to the needs of his family and consequently he began working to help support his
9 widowed mother and the other members of his family; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he worked diligently at the various positions of employment which he held and
11 retired from the United States Postal Service in 1984 after 37 years of service and became
12 the maintenance manager for the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Augusta, but he still
13 wished he had been able to obtain his high school diploma; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Georgia General Assembly passed Act No. 192 which recognized
15 the service, dedication, and commitment of those individuals who responded to the call of
16 their nation in World War II, interrupting their lives and educations to defend our country
17 and its freedom, by granting them the high school diplomas that their service prevented them
18 from receiving; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in the passage of such legislation, Georgia became the third state in the nation
20 to recognize and honor these veterans in this manner; and

1 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2001, Henry S. Black, II, became the first Georgia veteran to be
2 recognized under this legislation and he officially graduated from the Academy of Richmond
3 County, receiving his high school diploma and the appreciation of a grateful state and nation.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 this body recognizes and commends Henry S. Black, II, for his service to his country, his
6 dedication to his family, and his contributions to his community and state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Henry S. Black, II.