

House Resolution 1752

By: Representative Holland of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the lives of Tommy Joe Wideman, Deborah Wheeler Wideman, Melissa
2 Wideman, and Abbie Alexis Wideman; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tommy Joe Wideman, Deborah Wheeler Wideman, Melissa Wideman, and
4 Abbie Alexis Wideman were one of the most beloved families in the community of Rebecca
5 and Turner County; and

6 WHEREAS, Tommy Joe Wideman was a dedicated public servant serving for many years
7 as the congenial and hard working Tax Assessor of Turner County and was dedicated to his
8 wife Deborah and his daughter Melissa; and

9 WHEREAS, Deborah Wheeler Wideman was one of Turner County's businessperson's, as
10 the owner and operator of the Oak Tree, a popular gift store in Ashburn, Georgia, and was
11 the loving and dedicated wife of Tommy and mother of Melissa; and

12 WHEREAS, Melissa was a lovely, smart, and personable young woman who was an asset
13 to her community, and was the dedicated daughter of Tommy and Deborah; and

14 WHEREAS, as a family, the Widemans were all eagerly awaiting the birth of Abbie Alexis
15 Wideman, the daughter of Melissa Wideman; and

16 WHEREAS, the family were dedicated members of the Rebecca Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, on Friday March 22, 2002, this family was lost under tragic circumstances
18 which was a shock to their family and the people of Rebecca, Ashburn, Sycamore, Turner
19 County, and the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this House commemorates the lives of this fine
21 family and expresses its condolences to their surviving family and to their community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commemorate the lives of Tommy Joe Wideman, Deborah
3 Wheeler Wideman, Melissa Wideman, and Abbie Alexis Wideman, and express their
4 condolences upon their tragic loss.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the surviving family
7 members, Charles Henry Wideman, Linda W. Peacock, Larry Wheeler, and David Wheeler.