

## House Resolution 418

By: Representative Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of John Jarrard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Jarrard was well known and highly respected as a tremendously talented  
3 songwriter whose works will long be remembered by fellow musicians and fans of this  
4 native Georgian, who was born and reared in Gainesville and never forgot his roots; and

5 WHEREAS, his special gift as a lyricist was strengthened by his father, Bonnell (B.C.)  
6 Jarrard, who had been a huge gospel fan and introduced John to music through the Baptist  
7 church which shaped his feelings, outlook, and songs throughout his career; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in public relations  
9 and went to Nashville in 1977 where he overcame significant obstacles including the  
10 debilitating of diabetes and created a total of 11 number one country hits that were recorded  
11 by key artists such as Don Williams, John Anderson, Diamond Rio, Conway Twitty, Tracy  
12 Lawrence, Pam Tillis, and Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, he was an active philanthropist for a variety of programs and charities that  
14 benefit young people, and he staged concerts in Gainesville to raise funds for the high school  
15 athletic association and other worthy causes and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body recognize the marvelous talent of and contributions made by  
18 Georgia songwriter John Jarrard and express their deep regret at his passing and their  
19 sincerest sympathy to the members of his family in their loss.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John Jarrard.