

House Resolution 724

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 43rd and Ashe of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Johnny N. Economy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) was
3 founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, by visionary Americans of Greek descent to
4 protect Hellenes from the evils of bigotry and to help assimilate them into American society,
5 and from this beginning has grown to become the largest Greek-American organization in
6 the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the membership of AHEPA is open to men who believe in the mission of the
8 organization which is to promote Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility,
9 and family and individual excellence; and

10 WHEREAS, the leader of this international organization is Johnny N. Economy of Atlanta,
11 Georgia, who was elected to the office of the Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA in
12 2000, becoming the first Atlantan since the founding of the Order of AHEPA to achieve the
13 highest office; and

14 WHEREAS, Johnny N. Economy has served AHEPA with distinction as a local, district, and
15 national officer since his initiation into the Order over 30 years ago, and has assumed other
16 positions of leadership, including President of the AHEPA Centennial Foundation, Inc.,
17 which is the entity responsible for the building and dedication of the Tribute Statue at
18 Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, Georgia; cochairman of the AHEPA George Marshall
19 sculpture project dedicated in 2000 at the American Embassy in Athens, Greece; board
20 member of the Hellenic Cultural Foundation which is assisting with the Athens 2004
21 Olympic Games; and currently he is forging the Greek and American alliance to embark on
22 the reforestation of lost woodlands in Greece; and

23 WHEREAS, Johnny N. Economy exemplifies the mission of AHEPA through his love of
24 Hellenism, his commitment to education, his philanthropic generosity of time, talent, and

1 moneys, his keen sense of civic responsibility, and his devotion to family and individual
2 excellence.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize and commend Johnny N. Economy for his work on
5 behalf of the AHEPA and congratulate him on his election to the office of Supreme
6 President.

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 Johnny N. Economy.