

House Resolution 774

By: Representative Holland of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 To commemorate the life of Thomas Clay Wideman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas Clay Wideman was born in Tift County, Georgia, on October 12, 1976,
3 and was a lifelong resident of Turner County, Georgia, being raised in the Rebecca
4 community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was also affectionately known by family and friends as "Clayboy" or
6 "Gator"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was the son of Charles Henry Wideman, Jr. and Diane Roberts Wideman,
8 the maternal grandson of the late W. B. Roberts, Sr. and Dora Pate Roberts, and the paternal
9 grandson of the late Charles Henry Wideman, Sr. and Mary Jo Hancock Wideman; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Clay was the youngest of two sons and had an older brother, Charles Henry
11 Wideman, III (Chip); and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rebecca Baptist Church; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Thomas Clay Wideman served honorably in the U. S. Army for four years
14 during which time he traveled to New York and Korea; and
- 15 WHEREAS, upon completing his service to his country, he returned home and attended
16 Abraham Baldwin College to pursue a major in forestry; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Clay was a very polite and caring individual, was loved by his family and
18 friends, always greeted everyone with a smile, and was an avid outdoors man, hunter, and
19 fisherman; and

1 WHEREAS, his love for the outdoors was only exceeded by his love for his family, friends,
2 and other loved ones; and

3 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2000, this wonderful young man went to join the Lord; and

4 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the members of this body commemorate the life
5 of this fine young man.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commemorate the life and accomplishments of Thomas Clay
8 Wideman and express condolences upon his passing.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles Henry Wideman,
11 Jr. and Diane Roberts Wideman.