

House Resolution 534

By: Representative Hudson of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending *The Sparta Ishmaelite* on its 125th anniversary and R. Allen Haywood, its
2 publisher and owner; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *The Sparta Ishmaelite* published its first issue on March 12, 1878 and recently
4 completed 125 years of outstanding service as a quality weekly newspaper that is the oldest
5 business establishment in Hancock County, as its banner proudly claims; and

6 WHEREAS, Sidney Lewis was the founder and first editor of the newspaper that survived
7 in a difficult economy under his able direction and guidance (1878-1905); and five editors
8 followed: Wales W. Thomas (1905-1906), Thomas C. Moore (1906-1914), G.B. Moore, Sr.
9 (1914-1982) Alva L. Haywood (1982-1988) and R. Allen Haywood (1988-present); and

10 WHEREAS, Hancock County's primarily agricultural community has supported past
11 publications of planter periodicals but prior efforts to establish and sustain a community
12 newspaper that covered contemporary political issues had been unsuccessful; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout its years, this great weekly newspaper has maintained its proud
14 tradition covering newsworthy events with an exceptional reporting staff and its superb
15 leadership has increased public understanding and awareness and influenced the quality of
16 life in this historic Georgia community.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body commends *The Sparta Ishmaelite* on the momentous occasion of its 125th
19 anniversary and congratulates R. Allen Haywood as its respected publisher and owner.

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 R. Allen Haywood.