

House Resolution 580

By: Representatives Butler of the 88th, Post 1, Harper of the 88th, Post 2, Smith of the 87th, and Maxwell of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Systems & Methods, Incorporated; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Systems & Methods, Incorporated was recently named Georgia's 2003 Family
3 Business of the Year in the medium-sized business category by the Cox Family Enterprise
4 Center at Kennesaw State University and *Georgia Trend* magazine; and

5 WHEREAS, created in 1992, the prestigious award identifies and publicizes outstanding
6 family firms in an effort to improve public understanding of the tremendous contribution
7 family businesses make to their economy and society; and

8 WHEREAS, over the past 32 years, the Stone family built SMI on a philosophy of family
9 values, and those core principles, coupled with solid, innovative solutions for client families,
10 have made it the preeminent company in the governmental service industry; and

11 WHEREAS, the corporation focuses on systems and services for child support enforcement
12 and state social services, and one of its goals is to offer exceptional child support
13 disbursement and financial management systems to every state and county in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob and Tish Stone take great pride in the strong family and family business
15 they have created; and, consequently, over the years all six of the Stone children have played
16 a role in the company's success and there are currently 16 members of the Stone family
17 employed by the company, successfully melding family and business into one, with sons Joe,
18 Bill, and Bart moving the company into its second generation of leadership by serving as
19 President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President of
20 Information Technology, respectively.

21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend Systems & Methods, Incorporated upon being selected
23 Family Business of the Year.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Systems & Methods,
- 3 Incorporated.