

## House Resolution 585

By: Representatives Porter of the 119<sup>th</sup> and Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the heroic actions of J.B. Taylor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, 33 years ago J.B. Taylor of Dublin, Georgia, heroically saved the life of the  
3 young man who now serves as the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House but who only  
4 recently had the good fortune to meet that hero and to thank him personally; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a 16 year-old named Stephen DuBose Porter and a friend were at a demolition  
6 site hoping to save columns from the house porch to use in a play at Dublin High School  
7 when the structure collapsed, pinning DuBose under the massive framework; and
- 8 WHEREAS, miraculously, J.B. Taylor and his wife, Cleo, happened to be driving by the site  
9 as the house fell on the teens, and this incredibly strong woodsman immediately responded  
10 to the crisis without regard for his own safety and lifted the timbers in a phenomenal burst  
11 of strength to swiftly remove young DuBose from the crushing tons of dead weight; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dublin's Mayor, Dr. Lester Porter, put word out all over town he wanted to see  
13 the man who saved his son, but community relations in Georgia were still strained in 1970,  
14 and Taylor refrained from divulging his rescue efforts due to fear and uncertainty; and
- 15 WHEREAS, eventually, Taylor learned that DuBose was fine and talked with Dr. Porter who  
16 earnestly thanked him and generously offered his services in appreciation; meanwhile, young  
17 DuBose moved on with his life and never met the wonderful black man who saved him; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Taylor did not realize the white youth he had saved had become a key state  
19 leader until an employee of *The Courier Herald* invited him to meet Representative Porter,  
20 who finally was able to express his deep, personal gratitude to this brave hero.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 this body conveys its admiration to J.B. Taylor for his impeccable character and courage.

- 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 J.B. Taylor.