

House Resolution 633

By: Representatives Smith of the 76th and Douglas of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the loss of Earl D. Harris; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Earl D. Harris is remembered as a distinguished Georgian who served his native
3 state with the utmost ability and dedication as Assistant Commissioner for Administration
4 in the Department of Agriculture where his knowledge as an agricultural engineer was highly
5 valued and his legal counsel on matters of public policy was well respected; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on April 9, 1947, in Athens, Clarke County, Georgia; was a 1966
7 star student of Oconee County High School, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the
8 Order of the Arrow; married the former Jean Wright with whom he reared two fine
9 daughters: Jeannette and Stephanie; and received his BSAE, MBA, and JD degrees from the
10 University of Georgia where he was a member of numerous honor societies, including the
11 Gridiron Secret Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, Blue Key Fraternity, Alpha Zeta, Gamma
12 Sigma Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi; and

13 WHEREAS, he had been a member of AGHON, the agricultural honorary society, and he
14 served as a mentor to every AGHON student class from 1973 through 2002, and his
15 commitment of personal time and energy to assist young people in their career pursuits made
16 a difference in the lives of countless young people from every region in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, he faithfully served his country as an enlisted member in the United States
18 Marine Corps Reserve and the United States Air Force Reserve; and his leadership in the
19 Masonic Order included service on over 100 committee appointments, Grand Master of
20 Mason (1988-1989), Dewey Harold Wallstein Award, Chairman of the Jurisprudence
21 Committee (12 years), member of the Yaarab Shrine Temple, Georgia Council of Allied
22 Masonic Degrees, Carl F. Lester, Jr. Knight Masons, Royal Order of Jesters, president of
23 Athens-Piedmont Scottish Rite Association, chairman Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia;
24 Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Georgia; and elected as the Sovereign Grand
25 Inspector General and Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition he was an elder in the Covington First Presbyterian Church and a
2 former president and chairman of the trustees and his life was full of noble deeds.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 this body regrets the loss of Earl D. Harris and conveys its sympathy to his beloved family.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Earl D. Harris family.