

House Resolution 725

By: Representative Epps of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Joseph Henry Hawkins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Joseph Henry Hawkins was born in Ferriday, Louisiana, the beloved son of the
3 late Mr. and Mrs. Junius Hawkins; and

4 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rust College, in Holly Springs,
5 Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1942, he began a teaching career which was interrupted by induction into the
7 United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from the military in 1944, he resumed his
9 career as a teacher in LaGrange, Georgia, where he served as assistant principal and later as
10 principal of Kelley Grammar School for 16 years; and

11 WHEREAS, after his excellent and distinguished period of service at Kelley Grammar
12 School, he was transferred to East Depot Street High School where he served as principal
13 from 1963 to 1970; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Hawkins joined the administrative staff at LaGrange Senior High
15 School, where he rendered unselfish and outstanding service as associate principal for nine
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, his total years of service in the field of education extends over a period of 34
18 years; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional career as an educator, Mr. Hawkins has served
20 his community in the following areas: Divisional Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America,

1 Troup Council on Aging, the Red Cross, and Community Chest Drive, and as Director of
2 Education of the Southern Region of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, an active member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Hawkins' hard work and
4 untiring devotion to the church was recognized with the church auditorium's designation as
5 the J. H. Hawkins Auditorium on February 25, 1996; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Elnora R. Hawkins, and the proud
7 father of one son and two grandsons.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body honor Joseph Henry Hawkins for his outstanding contributions to
10 the State of Georgia in the field of education and express their immense appreciation and
11 respect.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Joseph Hawkins.