

House Resolution 1708

By: Representatives Day of the 126th, Stephens of the 124th, Post 2, Jackson of the 124th, Post 1, Stephens of the 123rd, Bordeaux of the 125th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Cullen Chambers, director of the Tybee Island Historical Society, for his
2 valiant efforts to restore Tybee Island's lighthouse and other historical treasures; and for
3 other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Cullen Chambers has served as the director of the Tybee Island Historical
5 Society since 1994; and
- 6 WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2004, he has overseen the restoration of the Tybee Island
7 Lighthouse, the Head Keeper's Cottage, and the Assistant Keeper's Cottage; and
- 8 WHEREAS, these restorations have garnered Mr. Chambers and the historical society local,
9 state, and national honors for the great quality and historical accuracy of their work; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2002, ownership of the Tybee lighthouse was transferred from the United
11 States government to the historical society; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2003, the United States Postal Service commemorated and enshrined the
13 lighthouse with its own postage stamp; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in addition to the lighthouse and its accompanying structures, the Tybee Island
15 Historical Society also operates the island's museums and, while under Mr. Chambers'
16 direction, all exhibits have been thoroughly modernized and updated including climate
17 controlled display cases; and
- 18 WHEREAS, over the course of Mr. Chambers' tenure with the historical society, annual
19 visitation has grown from 20,000 to 120,000 persons per year; membership in the historical
20 society has increased from 300 to include over 1,000 members; and the society's annual
21 operating budget has soared from \$80,000.00 to \$950,000.00 per year.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend Mr. Cullen Chambers, director of the Tybee Island
3 Historical Society, for his valiant efforts in restoring the Tybee Island Lighthouse and other
4 historical treasures.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Tybee Island Historical
7 Society and Mr. Cullen Chambers.