

House Resolution 128

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Hanner of the 148th, and James of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of the Honorable John V. Harper; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on May 13, 1959, in Sumter County, John V. Harper was born the beloved son
3 of William Madison Harper III and Willie Simmons Harper; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer
5 University, he demonstrated his excellent legal expertise with the firm Ellis, Easterlin,
6 Peagler, and Gatewood and, in 1996, started his own practice, Harper and Barnes, which
7 quickly became a highly respected and successful firm; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2000, motivated by his sincere dedication to the citizens of his community,
9 he became a Superior Court judge, an office in which he served with great pride, intelligence,
10 and energy; and

11 WHEREAS, he was devoted to his wife, Mrs. Amzie DeVaughn Harper, and his two
12 wonderful children, Michael and Amanda, who brought such joy to his life; and

13 WHEREAS, a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa Chapter, the Kiwanis Club, and the First
14 Presbyterian Church in Americus, he was a highly regarded and active community leader
15 who will be greatly missed in his native Sumter County; and

16 WHEREAS, with the passing of Judge John V. Harper, the State of Georgia has lost a
17 distinguished public servant.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in expressing their deepest regret and sorrow at the passing of
20 the Honorable John V. Harper and extend their most sincere condolences to his family and
21 the Sumter County community.

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 Mrs. Amzie DeVaughn
3 Harper and to Chief Judge Rucker Smith and Judge George Peagler, Southwestern Judicial
4 Circuit, to be displayed at their discretion in the Sumter County Courthouse.