

House Resolution 703

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Cummings of the 16th, Smith of the 13th, and Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending professional race car driver and Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of
2 Fame inductee, Randy Payne; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, from a very young age, Randy Payne enjoyed building and rebuilding
4 automobiles, and he entered his first semi-professional race at the tender age of 14; and

5 WHEREAS, a 1957 Rome High School graduate, he attended Auburn University and
6 returned home as a partner in his father's thriving car dealership; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1956, he was named United States Junior Chamber of Commerce Safe
8 Driving Rodeo Champion, and, in the late 1960's, was selected by Lee Iacocca to represent
9 Ford Motor Company driving their new race cars across the nation and Canada, winning the
10 first ever drag race in that country; and

11 WHEREAS, he has amassed a 73 percent career win rate and earned 18 NHRA national track
12 records for performance and induction into the National Hot Rod Association Hall of Fame;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, today, he carries on this racing tradition, running Georgia Auto Brokers, one
15 of the oldest and most respected auto dealerships in Northwest Georgia, with his two sons,
16 Butch and David; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2005, in his 50th consecutive year of racing, Randy Payne was
18 inducted into the Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his many outstanding
19 achievements as a local sports legend.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in recognizing Randy Payne and commend his outstanding
22 dedication to and advocacy for the sport of drag racing.

- 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 Randy Payne.