

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.