

House Resolution 767

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret and condolences on the passing of Dr. Roger Starnes; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gilmer County lost one of its most outstanding citizens with the passing of Dr.
4 Roger Starnes on March 7, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Bartow County, Dr. Roger Starnes moved to Ellijay in 1960 and
6 operated Starnes Drug Store on the Ellijay city square from 1960 until his retirement; and

7 WHEREAS, a veteran of World War II, he was also a graduate of the University of Georgia;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Starnes not only ran a successful business, but was involved in the
10 community through the Ellijay Lions Club and Gideons International; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Starnes was a devoted husband and father and is survived by his wife,
12 Farrell Thomas Starnes; daughters and sons-in-law, Candra and Kenny Warren and Chela
13 and Jim Bailey; and grandchildren Melinda and Brian Abercrombie, Mary Melissa Bailey,
14 Melody Bailey, Kennedi Warren, and Kylan Warren; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Starnes's strong Christian faith was a constant in his life, and his life was
16 dedicated to witnessing to others through both word and deed, helping to establish a ministry
17 at the Gilmer County Jail and serving on the board of deacons at the First Baptist Church of
18 Ellijay; and

19 WHEREAS, Gilmer County and all of North Georgia have been blessed and enriched by the
20 life of Dr. Roger Starnes, and it is fitting for the House of Representatives to express regrets
21 at his passing and extend condolences to his family.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join to express their deepest regret at the passing of Dr. Roger
3 Starnes and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Roger
6 Starnes.