

House Resolution 1328

By: Representatives Reece of the 27th, Rogers of the 26th, and Mills of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Johnny and Brenda Williamson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 1968, Johnny and Brenda Williamson erected their first hand-built outdoor
3 manger scene display at their home in Hall County, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, each year Mr. and Mrs. Williamson added new scenes and improved or
5 enlarged existing scenes until there were 20 different Christmas scenes on both sides of the
6 road in front of their Hall County home, consisting of thousands of lights and including
7 lighted fish leaping from their pond, a large tree which alone held 33,000 lights, and a
8 complete reindeer-pulled sled; and
- 9 WHEREAS, for 15 years on every night from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve, Mr.
10 Williamson sat as Santa Claus in the sleigh; even in cold and inclement weather, he was
11 always there for the children, and he held and spoke to each child about their Christmas
12 wishes and provided each child with a candy treat; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson graded their yard and provided a parking lot to make
14 it easier for the children to come and visit with Santa; and
- 15 WHEREAS, thousands came from communities throughout Georgia to witness the light
16 extravaganza and share in the joyous Christmas experience; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, the considerable costs for the displays were borne entirely by Johnny and
19 Brenda Williamson as their gift to the community and to the children; and
- 20 WHEREAS, due to health considerations, the Williamsons sadly announced that 2005 would
21 be the last year that they could continue to maintain the elaborate display that had become
22 a Christmas tradition to so many; and

1 WHEREAS, their beautiful Christmas gift was an inspiration to all and a selfless expression
2 of joy and love for their community and fellow man for more than a generation.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Johnny and Brenda Williamson for their selfless acts and
5 generosity which have brought so much joy to the community and the lives of the children
6 of northeast Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Johnny and Brenda
9 Williamson.