

House Resolution 1735

By: Representative Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Ira T. "I.T." Harkins on the occasion of his 87th birthday; commending the
2 Harkins family; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2006, Ira T. "I.T." Harkins will be celebrating the impressive
4 milestone of his 87th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, the son of Jim and Lola Harkins, I.T. Harkins served his country with great
6 distinction from 1941 to 1973 as a member of the United States Army, serving in World
7 War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War before retiring as a sergeant major; and

8 WHEREAS, I.T. Harkins is highly active in his community as the Keep Georgia Beautiful
9 coordinator for Union County, where he personally participates in the program's cleanups,
10 and as a member of the Union County Historical Society; and

11 WHEREAS, this outstanding Georgian comes from a family with a longstanding track record
12 of honorable service to this nation, with brothers Clyde and Harley Harkins both having
13 valiantly served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945; and

14 WHEREAS, their brother, the late Eldo Harkins, was a member of the United States Army
15 from 1941 to 1945, where he received a Purple Heart, and the late Ralph Harkins, twin
16 brother of Harley, also served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, Stella Mae, sister of the Harkins brothers, followed in their footsteps by serving
18 in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1958; and

19 WHEREAS, I.T. Harkins's birthday will be celebrated on March 13, 2006, at 7:00 a.m. at
20 Suches General Store, where he and Clyde Harkins eat breakfast early every Monday
21 morning, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to take this opportunity to pay
22 tribute to this remarkable family's extraordinary service to our nation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in congratulating Mr. Ira T. "I.T." Harkins on the happy
3 occasion of his 87th birthday and in commending the Harkins family for the noble and
4 courageous service of its members in the United States Armed Forces.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ira "I.T." Harkins.