

## House Resolution 1775

By: Representative Jenkins of the 8<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending James Childers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, James Childers was born in 1935 to musically talented parents in Crandall,  
3 Murray County, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was exposed to music from his earliest days of childhood and, following in  
5 the footsteps of an older brother, learned to play the mandolin and guitar by age six; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he continued to play guitar and mandolin in high school, and in 1957 he was  
7 invited to play at the Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawassee, Georgia, and then became a staff  
8 guitarist with the Fair Band; and
- 9 WHEREAS, James Childers continues to assist in the production of the Georgia State  
10 Fiddlers Convention each year and is an experienced judge of many fiddlers conventions in  
11 Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama; and
- 12 WHEREAS, among James' accomplishments are the formation of the Swinging Gentleman  
13 Band in 1966, 19 years of dedicated service to WPLO radio station in Atlanta, Georgia, and  
14 election to the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame in 1989; and
- 15 WHEREAS, James Childers is an accomplished guitarist having played many venues in  
16 Atlanta, the United States, and Canada, and it is estimated he played with most of the Grand  
17 Ole Opry stars from 1962 up to the present day; and
- 18 WHEREAS, an organizer of the Georgia Fingerstyle Guitar Association in 1997, he  
19 continues to work tirelessly to promote fingerstyle guitar playing which includes working for  
20 designation at competitions for a fingerstyle guitar playing category and drawing some 200  
21 guitar players together in quarterly meetings to demonstrate playing techniques and abilities;  
22 and

1 WHEREAS, James Childers is held in great regard by musicians for his style of guitar  
2 playing and has been featured by country music star Brad Paisley in his shows; and

3 WHEREAS, James Childers is a Georgia musical treasure, and it is only fitting this body  
4 should recognize and commend this extraordinary individual.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body recognize and commend James Childers and express their gratitude  
7 for his dedication to his music and the entertainment of Georgians.

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