

House Resolution 1924

By: Representative Maddox of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Douglas Harrell for his heroic rescue of a drowning man and inviting him
2 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2006, Douglas Harrell, an Eagle Scout from Whigham, Georgia,
4 displayed the highest degree of heroism with his valiant rescue of a drowning swimmer off
5 the coast of Pensacola, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, on that fateful day, Mr. Harrell, a 20 year-old student at Bainbridge College,
7 was enjoying his spring break on the beach when he and his companions noticed four
8 individuals waving to a man who was struggling in the water; and

9 WHEREAS, two observers, both of whom were off-duty lifeguards, attempted to rescue the
10 drowning man, but to no avail; and

11 WHEREAS, refusing to stand back and watch a tragedy unfold, Mr. Harrell bravely jumped
12 into the chilly waters and, using the skills he was taught in Boy Scouts, pulled the man to
13 safety amidst fighting the ocean waves; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell's selflessness and courageous rescue of a swimmer in distress stand
15 as a testament to the power of heroism, and it is most fitting and proper that this body
16 appropriately recognize the life-saving actions of this outstanding Georgian.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body join in commending Mr. Douglas Harrell for his noble rescue of
19 a drowning man and extend to him their best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Douglas Harrell is invited to appear before the
21 House of Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an
22 appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.