

House Resolution 50 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Fleming of the 117th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Roberts of the 154th, Sheldon of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of United States Representative Charles Whitlow
2 Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with the passing of Representative Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., the State of
4 Georgia has lost one of her most distinguished native sons and a great statesman; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlie Norwood, originally of Valdosta, graduated from Georgia Southern
6 University in Statesboro before earning his dental degree from Georgetown University
7 Dental School in Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood then served as a dental surgeon in the U.S. Army Dental Corps
9 with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968-1969,
10 delivering dental and emergency medical services while under enemy fire, and was awarded
11 two Bronze Stars and a Combat Medic Badge; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood went on to a distinguished career in private dentistry practice,
13 including service as president of the Georgia Dental Association; and

14 WHEREAS, as a member of the United States House he provided outstanding representation
15 to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia from 1995 until 2007, serving
16 under four different district boundaries stretching from Dublin and Swainsboro in the south
17 to Dillard and Hiwassee in the North Georgia mountains; and

18 WHEREAS, during his service in Washington, Congressman Norwood fought tirelessly to
19 improve health care quality and access for all Americans through his Patient's Bill of Rights
20 legislation and defended and preserved Georgia's Medicaid program by securing appropriate
21 funding and passing into law legislation combating fraud and abuse; and

1 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood successfully preserved and expanded Fort Gordon
2 through two Base Realignment and Closure challenges, securing military construction funds
3 to keep Fort Gordon infrastructure in top condition and supporting new missions including
4 the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood played a vital role in supporting the Department of
6 Energy's Savannah River Site and securing new missions for SRS including MOX fuel and
7 environmental cleanup programs; and

8 WHEREAS, he defended citizens of Georgia and America against excess regulatory zeal by
9 multiple federal agencies and consistently voted to reduce the federal deficit and lower
10 federal taxes for all Georgians; and

11 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood was a beloved member of Trinity-on-the-Hill United
12 Methodist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, in civic affairs he played leading roles with the American Dental Association,
14 the Georgia Dental Association, the International College of Dentistry, the American College
15 of Dentistry Sciences, the Augusta Opera Society, the Augusta Symphony Guild, and many
16 other worthwhile organizations and charities; and

17 WHEREAS, his dedication to his career and to his country was surpassed only by his love
18 for his family, and he is survived by his loving wife Gloria, sons Charles and Carlton, and
19 four grandchildren.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body honor the lifetime achievements and legacy of the Honorable
22 Charlie Norwood of Augusta, Georgia, for his state, his nation, and his fellow man and offer
23 their most sincere condolences to his family.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of United States
26 Representative Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.