

House Resolution 932

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Mr. Glenn Berns and expressing regret at his passing; and for other
- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
- 4 citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of Mr. Glenn Berns; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 4, 1943, and died April 3, 2007; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after retiring from banking software sales out of St. Petersburg, Florida, Glenn
- 7 and his wife of 45 years, Nancy, settled in Blue Ridge, Georgia, in the spring of 2000; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he wasted no time in positively influencing the broader community in a variety
- 9 of ways, first by establishing with Nancy Sugar Creek Farm and Inn, a multiacre site for
- 10 raising alpacas and providing bed and breakfast for tourist guests; and
- 11 WHEREAS, following the purchase and renovation of an abandoned downtown structure,
- 12 Glenn opened Georgia Mountain Fiber, a manufacturing and sales facility for alpaca fiber
- 13 and alpaca fiber products; and
- 14 WHEREAS, through Hampton Square he provided renovated space for several other small
- 15 businesses including a restaurant, art gallery, and the Blue Ridge Community Theater,
- 16 employing 35 members of the local community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he served as a board member and president of Choose Life Ministries helping
- 18 to form the Right to Life Chapter in Fannin County working for pro-life causes both in
- 19 church and secular venues; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a man of deep faith in God as a professed Secular Franciscan, Glenn founded
- 21 a local Secular Franciscan fraternity in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Glenn demonstrated his love of the poor and needy of the community by his
2 work in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice; and

3 WHEREAS, Glenn Berns was a man for others dedicating his senior years to the service of
4 his neighbors, his community, his country, and his God.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body honor the life of Mr. Glenn Berns and express regret at his passing.

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 the family of Mr. Glenn
9 Berns.