

House Resolution 990

By: Representative Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Professor Jamie Bishop; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, throughout his entire life, Professor Jamie Bishop demonstrated a firm
3 dedication to education and a passion for sharing his love of knowledge with the youth of this
4 country; and

5 WHEREAS, he departed while performing the duties of his profession in the middle of a
6 German class in Norris Hall on the campus of Virginia Tech, during the tragic events of
7 Monday, April 16, 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Professor Bishop, 35, hailed from Pine Mountain, Georgia, and graduated from
9 Harris County High School in 1989; while in high school he played on the tennis team for
10 four years, was named Star Student, and was the valedictorian of his class; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Georgia where he earned
12 bachelor's and master's degrees in German; and

13 WHEREAS, on his personal web site, Professor Bishop, an avid photographer, described
14 himself as "mild mannered," "bespectacled," and "heroically pursuing creativity"; and

15 WHEREAS, he spent four years in Germany learning the language and teaching English, and
16 during that time, he met the love of his life, Dr. Stephanie Hofer; and

17 WHEREAS, he rode his bike to campus, was an avid hiker and movie fan, and followed the
18 Atlanta Braves; and

19 WHEREAS, his immense dedication to learning was surpassed only by his unshakable
20 devotion to his family, and he is survived by his loving wife, Dr. Stefanie Hofer; parents,
21 Michael and Jeri Bishop; and countless relatives, students, colleagues, friends, and neighbors.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body celebrate the life of Professor Jamie Bishop, express their profound
3 regret at the passing of such a distinguished scholar and servant of the community, and offer
4 their sincerest condolences to his friends and family upon his untimely and tragic departure.

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 the family of Professor
7 Jamie Bishop.