

House Resolution 1628

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Ralston of the 7th, Williams of the 4th, Byrd of the 20th,
Loudermilk of the 14th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the present Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee boundary lines; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the northern border of the State of Georgia and the southern borders of the
4 states of North Carolina and Tennessee were established in the early days of this nation at
5 the 35th parallel of north latitude; and

6 WHEREAS, a survey conducted in 1818 marked out the location of the 35th parallel and
7 established the present boundaries of Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, it appears that this survey erroneously placed the boundary line approximately
9 one mile south of where it should be located; and

10 WHEREAS, over the years, there have been numerous attempts among the states of Georgia,
11 Tennessee, and North Carolina to resurvey and realign the boundary lines between these
12 states, but these attempts have been unsuccessful in establishing any new boundary lines; and

13 WHEREAS, the boundary lines have never been accurately resurveyed; state boundaries
14 remain in doubt and are now increasingly the subject of more and more discussion and
15 disagreement; and

16 WHEREAS, the boundary lines have remained in the present locations for some 190 years;
17 in spite of these disagreements, the states of Tennessee and North Carolina have adequately
18 served the areas in dispute, and the people residing in these areas considered themselves to
19 be citizens of those states; and

20 WHEREAS, it would be extremely disruptive to change our state boundaries at this date, and
21 such a decision would cost untold amounts of money, time, and effort; and

1 WHEREAS, it is in the interest and welfare of the public that accurate and exact lines
2 between said states be established and that this matter be finally settled.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body ratify the present boundary lines between Tennessee and Georgia
5 and between North Carolina and Georgia as established by the 1818 survey as the correct
6 boundary lines and hereby release and forever relinquish any claim to any lands beyond such
7 lines.

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 the governors of Tennessee
10 and North Carolina.