

House Resolution 1568

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup> and Lane of the 167<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. James L. Conine; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. James L. Conine was born on July 2, 1939, and at 18 years old, he was  
3 drafted into the army where he served in the 101st Airborne; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 42 years, and they have two  
5 children, Matthew and Angela, and twin grandsons, Jackson and Justin; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine has won the National Abraham Lincoln Speaking and Look-a-Like  
7 Competition, held in conjunction with Abraham Lincoln Days at President Lincoln's  
8 birthplace, Hodgenville, Kentucky, in 1996, 2000, and 2003; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine is a lifelong resident of Georgia, and he first portrayed President  
10 Lincoln for his children's scouting and school functions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine's education includes an associate's degree in Civil Engineering, a  
12 Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after a career of more than 30 years as a land surveyor on the Georgia coast, Mr.  
14 Conine committed himself fully to his Abraham Lincoln presentations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Conine travels throughout the United States and Europe, including Native  
16 American reservations in Arizona and Germany, delivering his first person portrayal of  
17 President Lincoln using President's Lincoln personal life experiences, emphasizing honesty,  
18 integrity, ambition, and patriotism to entertain, educate, and motivate his listeners.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend Mr. James L. Conine for dedicating his life to furthering  
21 the principles of President Abraham Lincoln.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James L. Conine.