

House Resolution 1951

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Anthony "T." Graham Brown and inviting him to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony "T." Graham Brown is a Georgia native who has earned national
4 acclaim as a blue-eyed soul singer; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born on October 30, 1954, in Arabi, Georgia, and attended the
6 University of Georgia, where he studied business; and

7 WHEREAS, with musical roots in soul, rhythm and blues, country, and gospel, Mr. Brown
8 began a style of beach music in the early 1970's with his group Dirk and Tony which was
9 popular throughout the region; and

10 WHEREAS, he later formed the rhythm and blues band Rack of Spam, and in the early
11 1980's, his amazing voice earned him gigs singing jingles for national brands such as
12 Budweiser, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Ford Trucks; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown signed with Capitol Records and had four top-ten singles in 1986,
14 including "I Tell It Like It Used To Be," "I Wish That I Could Hurt That Way Again," "Hell
15 and High Water," and "Don't Go To Strangers"; and

16 WHEREAS, this talented artist recorded four more records with Capitol, which included hits
17 like "Brilliant Conversationalist" and "Darlene," and his album, *Wine into Water*, topped the
18 Christian Country Music Chart; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has appeared in the movies *Greased Lightening* and *Heartbreak*
20 *Hotel* and has earned professional recognition with a Country Music Award; and

21 WHEREAS, a son of Georgia, Mr. Brown is united in love and marriage to his wife, Sheila,
22 and he continues to tour regularly, record new songs, and thrill audiences with his South
23 Georgia-bred, blue-eyed soul singing.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Mr. Anthony "T." Graham Brown on his amazing music
26 career and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to
27 be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Anthony "T." Graham
30 Brown.