

House Resolution 672

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Smyre of the 132nd, Porter of the 143rd, Parrish of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to select Mr. Thomas J.
2 Harrold, Jr., to serve as the United States Ambassador to Germany; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, Thomas J. Harrold has done more to foster good will and
4 good business between the United Sates and Germany than any other single individual; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Harrold helped to establish the German-American Chamber of
6 Commerce (GACC) office in Atlanta and currently serves on the Board of Directors and as
7 Secretary of the GACC for the Southern United States which stretches from Texas to North
8 Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, he also organized and chaired the German Unification Conference in 2003
10 which attracted more than 2,000 people and 56 media representatives and celebrated the
11 theme of political change without war; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Harrold has been representing German investors for 30 years and has
13 brought those international dollars to this nation, including large German automotive
14 companies which have been investing heavily in the South, especially during the past decade;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, if Mr. Harrold were named the ambassador to Germany he would use his
17 experience with German businesses and leaders to recruit more international investment and
18 jobs to the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, in the past 20 years only two men from Georgia have received diplomatic
20 appointments, and no southerner has been appointed United States Ambassador to Germany
21 since 1958; and

22 WHEREAS, there are currently more than 600 German companies with subsidiaries in the
23 southeastern United States, and it is most appropriate that the next United States Ambassador
24 to Germany be a native of this area of our country.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body request President Barack Obama to select Thomas J. Harrold, Jr.,
27 to serve as the next United States Ambassador to Germany.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama and
30 to each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.