

House Resolution 827

By: Representative Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Adam Murphy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Emmy nominated CBS consumer investigative reporter Mr. Adam Murphy is  
3 well known for his interesting and provocative news reporting while at the same time  
4 providing practical advice and assistance to Georgians on various consumer oriented issues;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Dunwoody, Georgia, Mr. Murphy is a Marist High School graduate  
7 and earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, during his career in journalism, Mr. Murphy has been relied upon for fair and  
9 accurate reporting by viewers of WMAZ-TV in Macon, Georgia; WLTX-TV in Columbia,  
10 South Carolina; ESPN2; and WGCL-TV in Atlanta; and

11 WHEREAS, after he became aware of serious billing errors charged to water customers in  
12 the City of Atlanta, with some customers having their water cut off through no fault of their  
13 own, he began informing the public and government officials of this situation with special  
14 reports on the newscasts of CBS Atlanta; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy, the consumer investigative reporter, also became the people's  
16 advocate, joining forces with the State Planning and Community Affairs Committee of the  
17 Georgia House of Representatives and with Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin for the common  
18 purpose of identifying the cause of the water billing errors and finding a solution to the  
19 problem; and

20 WHEREAS, such efforts have brought about a change in policy within the Department of  
21 Watershed Management of the City of Atlanta, resulting in the correction of numerous water  
22 billing errors affecting individuals and families within the City of Atlanta, along with the  
23 recovery of over \$808,000 for which the State of Georgia had been over billed; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to demonstrating outstanding journalistic skill as the consumer  
25 investigative reporter for CBS Atlanta, Mr. Murphy is also known for his "Restaurant Report  
26 Card," providing helpful information to the public when dining out in the Atlanta area; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy has established himself as a professional journalist with a proven  
28 record of providing Georgians with sound advice on consumer issues, has demonstrated a  
29 willingness to assist those who need a helping hand, and has proven to be a determined and  
30 dedicated champion of consumer protection for the citizens of Atlanta and the State of  
31 Georgia.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Mr. Adam Murphy for his unique, innovative, and  
34 solution oriented journalism and recognize his long-time commitment to the citizens of  
35 Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Adam Murphy.