

House Resolution 388

By: Representatives England of the 108th, Ralston of the 7th, and Huckaby of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. John Berry and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
- 2 Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. John Berry, born in South Carolina and raised in Georgia, began playing
- 4 the guitar at 13, performing in shows at 14, and recording records when he was 19 years old;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, between 1979 and 1990, Mr. Berry recorded and marketed six albums on his
- 7 own labels, which brought him strong regional popularity and caught the attention of Capitol
- 8 Records, which signed him in 1992; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his stunning performance on the title track of the 1995 CD, *O Holy Night*,
- 10 catapulted Mr. Berry's career and garnered him national acclaim; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry is known for the intense passion he has brought to country music hits,
- 12 such as "Your Love Amazes Me" and "Standing on the Edge of Goodbye"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his new CD, *Those Were the Days*, draws in audiences with soulful lyrics and
- 14 gospel music flair in one of the strongest collections of songs he has ever assembled; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in *Those Were the Days*, Mr. Berry returns to mainstream country music, and
- 16 the album's first single, "A Woman Like You," is attracting audiences with its clever lyrics,
- 17 chopping rhythms, and rocking mood; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
- 19 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 21 the members of this body commend Mr. John Berry on his amazing music career and invite

22 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined
23 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Berry.