

House Resolution 390

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, McKillip of the 115th, Huckaby of the 113th, and Heard of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tony "T." Graham Brown, "His T-Ness," is a journeyman and songwriter
4 whose blue-eyed soul sound defies musical boundaries and has made him one of the most
5 enduring popular singers performing today; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born in Arabi, Georgia, and attended the University of Georgia,
7 where he first started performing in 1973 in a beach music duo, Dirk and Tony, a favorite
8 among the fraternity and sorority crowds; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1979, Mr. Brown formed his own band, Rack of Spam, and adopted T.
10 Graham Brown as his stage name; and

11 WHEREAS, three years later, Mr. Brown moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he was
12 signed to Capitol Records and debuted on the country music charts with his huge hit "I Tell
13 It Like It Used To Be"; and

14 WHEREAS, his hit singles include "Hell and High Water," "Come As You Were,"
15 "Darlene," and "Brilliant Conversationalist"; and

16 WHEREAS, nominated for Country Music Awards in 1987, 1989, and 1990, Mr. Brown won
17 the prestigious Vocal Event of the Year award in 1992 with "I Don't Need Your Rocking
18 Chair"; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1998, his single "Wine Into Water" topped the Christian Country Music chart
20 and was awarded the number one independent music video of the year; and

21 WHEREAS, a talented jingle writer, Mr. Brown has sung numerous national commercials
22 for products including Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Budweiser, Ford Trucks, Harrah's Casinos,
23 7-Up, and Taco Bell; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
25 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

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

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