

House Resolution 806

By: Representative Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home on the occasion of its 100th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia, was founded in 1911  
4 and has the unique distinction of celebrating its 100th anniversary this year; and

5 WHEREAS, the funeral home is believed to be the oldest black owned business in Coweta  
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, in celebration of the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary, the Roscoe  
8 Jenkins Funeral Home held a parade on March 27, 2011, through downtown Newnan, with  
9 participation by numerous businesses, churches, clubs, schools, and organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, the Jenkins family has been involved in the funeral business even prior to the  
11 past century, with Roscoe Conklin Jenkins starting the funeral home on the foundation built  
12 by his mother, Fannie Wright Jenkins, who had established the Coweta Burial Association  
13 in the early 1900s; and

14 WHEREAS, this long established family business has been owned by Fannie Wright Jenkins;  
15 Roscoe Conklin Jenkins and his wife, Octavia Smith Jenkins; Octavia Jenkins Mahone;  
16 Jaquelyn Flowers; and Linette Ward; and

17 WHEREAS, the owners have been recognized with numerous honors and accolades  
18 throughout the years, including Octavia Smith Jones, who was honored as Mortician of the  
19 Year in 1978 by the Fifth District Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association; Octavia  
20 Mahone, who was honored as 1996 Mortician of the Year, received the Chairpersons Award  
21 from the Fifth District Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, and earned the  
22 Living Legend Award by 100 Black Women of Funeral Service; and Linette Ward, who  
23 received the Bill Pierce Award in 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, this amazing business has provided proficient, thoughtful, and caring services  
25 to the people of Coweta County and its 100 years of service is worthy of recognition.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home for its kind and  
28 sensitive service for 100 years, congratulate current and past owners and employees on the  
29 grand occasion of its 100th anniversary, and extend to them their sincere best wishes for  
30 continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Roscoe Jenkins Funeral  
33 Home.