

House Resolution 1728

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55th and Morgan of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Whitney Houston; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Ms. Whitney Houston on February 11, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Houston was born on August 9, 1963, in Newark, New Jersey, a beloved
5 daughter of John and Cissy Houston; and
- 6 WHEREAS, destined from birth to become a singer, Ms. Houston began performing by the
7 time she was 15, but was discovered by a photographer for her natural beauty; she soon
8 became one of the first African American women to appear on the cover of *Seventeen*
9 magazine; and
- 10 WHEREAS, at the age of 19, she was discovered by the renowned Clive Davis of Arista
11 Records, who signed her immediately and took the helm of her career as she navigated from
12 gospel to pop stardom; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Houston made her debut on national television on the *Merv Griffin Show*
14 singing "Home" from the musical *The Wiz*; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1985 she released her first album, *Whitney Houston*, which went platinum
16 and included Grammy winner "Saving All My Love for You"; her second album, *Whitney*,
17 also went platinum and included more Grammy winning songs and led to a successful world
18 tour; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she crossed over into acting, starring in the wildly popular film *The Bodyguard*
20 in 1992 and releasing the single "I Will Always Love You" for the movie, which stayed atop
21 the United States charts for a record-breaking 14 weeks and became her biggest hit ever; and

22 WHEREAS, she has been recognized numerous times for her lifetime of achievement by
23 BET and the NAACP; and

24 WHEREAS, she founded the Whitney Houston Foundation for Children, a nonprofit
25 organization that funds projects to help needy children all over the world; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Houston was married to R&B singer Bobby Brown and was blessed with
27 one remarkable daughter, Bobbi Kristina; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Houston will long be remembered
29 for her God-given talent and love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, mother,
30 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Whitney Houston and
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Whitney
36 Houston.