

House Resolution 1955

By: Representative Welch of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the artist, committee, and businesses involved in the commission of the Patrick
2 Henry statue; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Henry County, Georgia, was created on May 15, 1821, and named in honor and
4 memory of our founding father, Patrick Henry of Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry, unafraid of the British Crown, presented a
6 proposal to pit Virginia against Britain, exhorting "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be
7 purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what
8 course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death"; and

9 WHEREAS, Patrick Henry helped draft the Bill of Rights to the Constitution; and

10 WHEREAS, he was elected to six terms as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, led
11 the protest of the Stamp Act, was a member of the first and second Continental Congresses,
12 and was a founding member of the Sons of Liberty; and

13 WHEREAS, exceptional individuals, groups, and businesses in Henry County joined
14 together to commission a statue of Patrick Henry to be erected in the county; and

15 WHEREAS, those individuals, groups, and businesses which have worked to make this
16 statue a reality are commended for their efforts, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
17 they be recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Patrick Henry and commend artist
20 and founder Andy Davis, citizens Don Dunlap, Todd Ernst, B.J. Mathis, David Curry, and
21 the entire Patrick Henry Historic Culture Committee for their vision and dedication to this
22 endeavor.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Andy Davis, Don Dunlap,
25 Todd Ernst, B.J. Mathis, David Curry, and the entire Patrick Henry Historic Culture
26 Committee.