

House Resolution 440

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Chris Gardner; 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 Mr. Chris Gardner on April 29, 2012, at the age of 58; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born in Jacksonville, Florida, he was a graduate of Gainesville High School
- 5 Class of 1971 and a graduate of North Georgia College; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was co-owner of The Coffee Shop at Lawrence Pharmacy in Gainesville,
- 7 Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Chris Gardner was a member and deacon of
- 9 First Baptist Church, and he was a member of the Sanctuary choir; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was also very active with the Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department,
- 11 coaching Little League football and baseball; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he is survived by the love of his life, Janice Kimbrell Gardner; daughter, Alicia
- 13 Gardner; son, Jay Gardner; parents, Howard and Amanda Gardner; sister and brother-in-law,
- 14 Cheryl and Don Tatum; and sisters-in-law, Kathy Williams and Martha Kimbrell; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
- 17 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Chris Gardner will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship,
- 19 and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Chris Gardner and
22 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of Mr. Chris
25 Gardner.