

House Resolution 646

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ira Spradlin on the occasion of his retirement and inviting
2 him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ira Spradlin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played during his 37 years covering the Georgia General Assembly as
5 a WAGA photographer; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Georgia, Mr. Spradlin was born on February 25, 1946; and

7 WHEREAS, he grew up on a dairy farm in Odessadale in Meriwether County, attending
8 Greenville High School and South Georgia Technical College before serving as a guardian
9 of this nation's freedom with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin later attended Clayton State College and worked for Georgia
11 Public Television; he started working at WAGA on February 1, 1976, and has been covering
12 the capitol ever since; and

13 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
14 talents, and energy toward documenting state politics through photography; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin was married to Jane Croley Spradlin from 1968 until her death in
16 1997; he and Nancy Spradlin have been united in love and marriage since August 1, 1998;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin is the loving father to three remarkable children, Scott, Lara, and
19 Amy, and seven wonderful grandchildren, Victoria, Kadi, Hannah, Jake, Rebekah, Kara, and
20 Alessio; and

21 WHEREAS, a prostate cancer survivor who worked every day during his radiation treatment,
22 Mr. Spradlin is an inspiration to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and
24 unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Ira Spradlin for his efficient, effective, and
29 dedicated service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
30 retirement, extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness,
31 and invite him to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time designated
32 by the Speaker of the House.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ira Spradlin.