

House Resolution 658

By: Representative Holmes of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Roger A. Harrison, the 2013 Outstanding Recent Alumni
2 Award recipient selected by the Georgia College Alumni Association Board of Directors;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award is designated for an alumnus of Georgia
5 College who has graduated within the past ten years and was established to honor the
6 achievement of notable recognition in a professional or business career; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is a 9th generation Georgian and native of Monticello; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Presbyterian College,
9 a Master of Public Administration degree from Georgia College and State University, and
10 has completed two years of course work toward his Doctorate in Public Administration
11 degree at Valdosta State University; and

12 WHEREAS, he previously served the State of Georgia as a public service faculty member
13 at the University of Georgia's Archway Partnership, an innovative economic development
14 program designed to better rural communities in Georgia, and in 2009, he received the honor
15 of being named a UGA Service Learning Fellow; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison also worked with the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia,
17 where he managed Coca-Cola's relationship with, and sponsorship of, the Outdoor
18 Entertainment Industry; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Roger A. Harrison is currently the Senior Vice President at the
20 Covington/Newton County Office of Economic Development in which he manages all
21 economic development activity for Newton County and its five municipalities; and

22 WHEREAS, in his two years in Newton County, Mr. Harrison's office has facilitated the
23 creation of more than 2,000 private sector jobs and more than \$1.3 billion in capital
24 investment; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is the chairman for the Georgia Governor's Honors Alumni
26 Association, the former State of Georgia chairman for the Blue Ridge Institute, and chairman
27 of the Membership Services Committee for the Georgia Economic Developer's Association;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has spent innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy
30 cultivating exemplary business skills that have benefitted the economic security of the
31 citizens of this state, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this extraordinary individual
32 be recognized as an asset to the State of Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize Mr. Roger A. Harrison for his inspirational career,
35 commend him for being so deservedly honored as the 2013 Outstanding Recent Alumni
36 Award recipient, and wish him great success in the future.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Roger A. Harrison.