

House Resolution 745

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Abrams of the 89th, Smyre of the 135th, Brooks of the 55th, O`Neal of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Mr. Ira Spradlin on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ira Spradlin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played during his 37 years covering the Georgia General Assembly as
4 a Fox 5/WAGA photojournalist; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin was born on February 25, 1946, and he grew up on a dairy farm
6 in Odessadale in Meriwether County, attending Greenville High School and South Georgia
7 Technical College before serving with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War;
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin was married to Jane Croley Spradlin from 1968 until her death in
10 1997; he and Nancy Spradlin have been united in love and marriage since August 1, 1998;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin is the loving father to three remarkable children, Scott, Lara, and
13 Amy, and seven wonderful grandchildren, Victoria, Kadi, Hannah, Jake, Rebekah, Kara, and
14 Alessio; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin attended Clayton State College and worked for Georgia Public
16 Television; he started working at Fox 5/WAGA on February 1, 1976, and has been covering
17 the Georgia Capitol ever since; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
19 talents, and energy toward documenting state politics through photojournalism; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a prostate cancer survivor who worked every day during his radiation treatment,
21 Mr. Spradlin is an inspiration to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Spradlin has served with honor and distinction, and he will be sorely
23 missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Mr. Ira Spradlin for his outstanding career in broadcast
28 journalism, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him
29 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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