

House Resolution 823

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Dempsey of the 13th, Dickson of the 6th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parrish of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Walter Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Walter "Chase" Jones was born and raised in Carrollton, Georgia, a place he
3 fondly refers to as the "City of Dreams"; he graduated from Carrollton High School in 2003
4 and went on to attend the University of Georgia, where he earned his bachelor's degree in
5 international affairs and graduated with honors; and

6 WHEREAS, in January, 2008, Chase entered the political arena as a legislative aide for
7 Representative Bob Smith and then as a campaign coordinator in Henry County; and

8 WHEREAS, he joined the capitol staff permanently in November, 2008, as a budget analyst
9 in the House Budget Office, where he was tasked with managing the Human Services Budget
10 for three years until he joined the staff of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, where
11 he currently serves as their government affairs and project manager; and

12 WHEREAS, Chase has also worked as a production manager for Sony Music and a
13 conference coordinator for the Department of University Housing at the University of
14 Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of diligence and distinguished leadership, Chase has served as the vice
16 president and philanthropy committee chairman of the Creswell Community Council
17 Executive Board; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
19 integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he has made of his
20 life, he has made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, on August 3, 2012, Chase suffered a spinal injury as a result of a diving
22 accident and was determined by physicians to be an incomplete C-5, a patient with mobility
23 down to his wrists; and

24 WHEREAS, Chase will be in recovery for the next two years, but as he learns to do more for
25 himself every day, his family and friends carry high hopes that proper treatment will lead him
26 back to doing all the things he loves; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the resilience and determination
28 displayed by this exceptional individual be recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Walter Jones for his many accomplishments, commend
31 him as he embarks on a journey to recovery, and extend their sincere best wishes for his
32 future health and happiness.

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 Walter Jones.