

House Resolution 942

By: Representative Carter of the 175th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Robert Clyatt, founder of Kids' Chance of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Clyatt, a workers' compensation attorney from Valdosta, Georgia,
4 founded the first Kids' Chance organization in 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Clyatt formed the organization after witnessing the life-shattering impact
6 that a serious workplace injury had on the children of seriously or fatally injured workers,
7 who were now faced with the difficulty of having to fund their own education; and

8 WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Georgia Bar,
9 Mr. Clyatt incorporated Kids' Chance of Georgia and began raising money to fund
10 educational scholarships for the children of injured Georgia workers; and

11 WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Georgia has reached out to other states, encouraging and
12 assisting them as they establish their own Kids' Chance organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, 25 states have organized Kids' Chance programs that actively provide
14 need-based scholarships to the families of seriously injured workers, and new Kids' Chance
15 organizations are formed each year; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1988, Kids' Chance of Georgia has awarded more than 600 scholarships,
17 raised nearly \$4 million, and established an endowment fund; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Clyatt has been the recipient of numerous awards for his exemplary
19 commitment to public service, including "Attorney of the Year for the State of Georgia" from
20 the State Board of Workers' Compensation and the "Distinguished Service Award" from the
21 Workers' Compensation Section of the State Bar of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, he earned his Associate's degree from Brewton Parker Junior College in 1970,
23 his Bachelor of Arts from Valdosta State College in 1972, and his Juris Doctor from Mercer
24 University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1975; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for Mr. Robert Clyatt's outstanding attitude
26 of unwavering dedication to service as he established Kids' Chance of Georgia to be
27 appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize Mr. Robert Clyatt for his dedication to the welfare of
30 Georgia children, commend him for his diligence in establishing Kids' Chance of Georgia,
31 and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

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