

House Resolution 1728

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Clarence Michael "Mike" Harrison and offering condolences on his
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clarence Michael "Mike" Harrison, 71, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2013,
4 following an extended illness; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia, and was a member of the
6 1960 Gainesville High School graduating class; he attended Mercer University and the
7 University of Georgia, where he earned a degree in business, was a member of the Sigma Nu
8 fraternity, and joined the ROTC program; after graduation he joined the United States Army
9 and served as a 1st Lieutenant in Korea, and once he returned home, he was promoted to
10 Captain and commanded the Gainesville Army Reserve Unit for three years before retiring;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mike settled in Gainesville and worked with his father at their family business,
13 Harrison Oil and Tire Company, eventually becoming owner and president of the company;
14 this successful business, which has been in his family for 80 years, was built on honesty and
15 serving customers well; and

16 WHEREAS, his reputation was second to none; during his career, Mike was an active
17 participant in professional associations, including a member and president of the Georgia
18 Tire Dealers Association, member and president of the Atlanta Metro Tire Dealers, and
19 member and board member of the Georgia Oilman's Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mike was very active in Boy Scouts from the time he first joined a Gainesville
21 Civic Center pack when he was eight years old; he was a member of Troop 26 and the Order
22 of the Arrow; as an adult he founded both Pack 200 and then Pack 26 of First Baptist Church
23 and served as Cub Master and Assistant Scout Master; in 2002 in recognition of all his

24 service to the Boy Scouts, Mike received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award of
25 honor a volunteer can receive; and

26 WHEREAS, Mike always believed that you get out of a community what you put into it, and
27 he especially loved helping and leading young people, touching innumerable lives; he was
28 active in many local civic organizations and First Baptist Church; and

29 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Judy Evans Harrison of Gainesville; daughter,
30 Christy Harrison Fuller and her husband, Karl Fuller, of Johns Creek, Georgia; son, James
31 "Jim" Michael Harrison Sr. and his wife, Amy Ballew Harrison; granddaughter, Emma Claire
32 Fuller; grandsons, James Michael Harrison Jr., Mason Fuller, and William Harrison; dear
33 friends, Ron and Marcia Christopher of Gainesville, Georgia, and Jon and Jenny Canada and
34 their children, Kayla and Carson, all of Gainesville, Georgia; and

35 WHEREAS, it is impossible to sum up the remarkable life of Mike Harrison, but to his
36 family he was simply a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a Papa – honest, hard working,
37 prompt, humble, and generous.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body celebrate the life and accomplishments of Clarence Michael
40 "Mike" Harrison and offer their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Clarence
43 Michael "Mike" Harrison.