

## House Resolution 1772

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Riley of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Pruett of the 149<sup>th</sup>, O`Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1927 to  
3 a horse racing family – his grandfather Dick Cothran was an original member of the New  
4 Orleans Jockey Club; and

5 WHEREAS, early in his career, he was not involved in horse racing but spent time in the  
6 United States Navy, was a boat driver and water ski show emcee at Cypress Gardens, a car  
7 parker at a Miami night club, a sports writer, an apprentice mortician, and an advertising  
8 copywriter; and

9 WHEREAS, after working for many years at an Atlanta advertising agency, he formed his  
10 own advertising firm with a friend, Burton-Campbell, Inc., which grew into one of the  
11 South's leading ad agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, he began buying racehorses with some friends and, since he had the racing  
13 background, he managed the partnership, which was an unheard of way to own racehorses  
14 at the time; and

15 WHEREAS, with the success of some of the horses in the partnerships in the early 1970's,  
16 he received much media attention and much interest from investors to own shares in  
17 racehorses and this new way of participating in horse racing; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1973, he established Dogwood Farms in Middle Georgia, a 433 acre farm;  
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20 WHEREAS, in 1986, he moved the Dogwood Farms operations to Aiken, South Carolina;  
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22 WHEREAS, he has now had 77 stakes winners, seven trips to the Kentucky Derby, a  
23 Preakness and a Belmont winner, six millionaires, two Eclipse Awards, and a Breeders' Cup  
24 victory for Dogwood and, most recently, Palace Malice won the 2013 Belmont Stakes; and

25 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
26 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivities have earned him the respect and  
27 admiration of his friends and his colleagues everywhere; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
29 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend and recognize W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell for his  
34 outstanding and exemplary service to this state and his community, and extend to him best  
35 wishes for continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to W. Cothran "Cot"  
38 Campbell.