

## House Resolution 1957

By: Representatives Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup> and Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Stephens-Mason-Taylor-Ray family on the occasion of  
2 its 2014 reunion; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Stephens-Mason-Taylor-Ray family reunion will be held from July 18 to  
4 July 20, 2014, in Sandersville, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the rich history of this extraordinary family began when Mack Stephens and  
6 Emma Mathis were married on February 11, 1868, in Washington County, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Mack and Emma had eight children, six of whom were able to marry and  
8 continue the Stephens lineage; and

9 WHEREAS, the six known children were Louis, Alexander, Lillie Louvenia, Lula, Lela, and  
10 Lawson; and

11 WHEREAS, Emma died between 1900 and 1910; and

12 WHEREAS, Mack died on September 10, 1928, and was buried along with Emma at the Old  
13 Jordan Station Cemetery; and

14 WHEREAS, Lillie Louise Ray Williams, the 97 year-old granddaughter of Mack and Emma,  
15 is the last survivor of her generation within the family; and

16 WHEREAS, between 150 and 200 family members are expected to attend the  
17 Stephens-Mason-Taylor-Ray family reunion to celebrate their ties and history with food and  
18 fellowship.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend the Stephens-Mason-Taylor-Ray family  
21 for its remarkable history and commitment to kinship.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to a representative of the  
24 Stephens-Mason-Taylor-Ray family.