

House Resolution 203

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of William "Bill" Stephen Perry, Sr., and expressing sincere
2 regrets at his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of William "Bill" Stephen Perry, Sr., on May 31, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Perry was born on June 23, 1934, a native of Marion County, Georgia, and
6 the beloved son of Clarence Eldridge Perry and Mary Eluna Wells Perry; and

7 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding student attending Georgia Southwestern College and the
8 University of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, this genuine southern gentleman was also an astute businessman and
10 entrepreneur, as demonstrated by his founding of Perry Brothers Oil Company and his
11 affiliation with Chevron Oil Company for 57 years; and

12 WHEREAS, his tremendous support for his community was shown by his active and
13 successful service in many influential organizations including his service as the chairman of
14 the Southeastern Lubrication Board; director of the Georgia Oilmen's Association; director
15 of the Central Bank of Georgia in Ellaville, Georgia; director of the Citizens Bank of
16 Americus; and member of the Ellaville Lions Club; and

17 WHEREAS, he was cherished and respected by all those who had the great fortune to know
18 him, work, with him, or call him friend, and his many contributions to Georgia and his local
19 community are too numerous to count; and

20 WHEREAS, a faithful Christian man, Mr. Perry was a devout and active member of the First
21 United Methodist Church of Americus where he served others while serving the Lord; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Perry was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife of 59 years, Joyce Bone
23 Perry, a loving father to his children, William Stephen Perry, Jr., David Paul Perry, and
24 Jennifer Perry Buford, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather to his wonderful
25 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman was filled with much strength of character,
27 determination, and honor and he will long be remembered in the hearts of those who loved
28 him dearly.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William "Bill" Stephen
31 Perry, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of William "Bill" Stephen Perry, Sr.