

House Resolution 340

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stover of the 71st, Trammell of the 132nd, and Ramsey of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lynn Whiteside, weaver of the official tartan of Georgia, and inviting her to
2 be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the official tartan of Georgia was introduced to the public for the first time in
4 1982 at the First International Gathering of the Scottish Clans held in the United States at the
5 Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia tartan was designed at the request of the Stone Mountain Highland
7 Games, Inc., by the Scottish Tartan Society in Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland, and it was
8 presented to Governor George Busbee in 1982 in honor of Georgia's 250th birthday; and

9 WHEREAS, the Scottish Tartans Society issued a Certificate of Accreditation to the official
10 Georgia tartan on October 1, 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia tartan commemorates the founding of the State of Georgia, and
12 both its pattern and colors are a reflection of this state's strong ties with Scotland; and

13 WHEREAS, Newnan, Georgia, a city with strong Scottish roots, sought a sister city in
14 Scotland, and in 1998, the sister city connection between Newnan, Georgia, and Ayr,
15 Scotland, was made official; and

16 WHEREAS, a delegation from Newnan traveled to Ayr, Scotland, for a cultural exchange
17 trip, during which a choral group from Newnan performed; and

18 WHEREAS, during their performances, all members of the choral group wore the official
19 Georgia tartans, which were woven by Lynn Whiteside, artist and gifted weaver; and

20 WHEREAS, Lynn Whiteside had the privilege of presenting the Provost of Ayr the official
21 tartan of Georgia, and she will present David Ralston, Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, with the official tartan of Georgia as well; and

23 WHEREAS, this body expresses its sincere gratitude to the gifted artist, Lynn Whiteside, for
24 spreading Georgia's rich history and heritage around the globe in the form of the official
25 tartan of Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Lynn Whiteside and invite her to be recognized by the
28 House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House
29 of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lynn
32 Whiteside.