

House Resolution 538

By: Representative Teasley of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Tip Top Poultry, Inc., on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and honoring
2 A.L. "Al" Burruss and his son, Robin Burruss, for their contributions to the Cobb County
3 community; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, for 70 years, the people of Tip Top Poultry, Inc., a major processor and
5 marketer of cooked and raw poultry products, have worked hard to provide "Tip Top" quality
6 service and products to their customers while also honoring God in every aspect of the
7 business; and

8 WHEREAS, this Christ-centered company was founded in 1947 and acquired by A.L. "Al"
9 Burruss in 1954; and

10 WHEREAS, under his outstanding leadership, Tip Top Poultry grew to 400 employees and
11 enjoyed years of prosperity, collecting \$25 million in revenue in 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Al was a pillar of his community, and while he ran one of the friendliest and
13 most successful companies in Georgia, he also was a dedicated public official, serving in the
14 Georgia House of Representatives for nine terms and acting as the House Majority Leader
15 from 1982 until his death; and

16 WHEREAS, despite his affluence and political power, Al remained a humble man who
17 devoted his life to sharing the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ and serving others in a
18 Christ-like manner; and

19 WHEREAS, his unrelenting devotion to the Lord was evidenced not only in his public
20 service and passion for helping people but also in his activity with the United Methodist
21 Church, where he was a certified lay speaker and member of the administrative board; and

22 WHEREAS, he was an incredibly personable and accessible public servant, always willing
23 to meet with anyone seeking his counsel, and exhibited deep concern for the welfare of his
24 constituents and peers, a concern that led him to frequently give away his Tip Top Poultry
25 chicken to needy families; and

26 WHEREAS, upon taking the reins at Tip Top Poultry, Robin Burruss built upon the
27 successes of his father and demonstrated both a strong business acumen and Gospel centered
28 approach to leadership in his home, his business, and his community; and

29 WHEREAS, Robin's son-in-law, Brad Respass is now serving as the president and CEO of
30 the company and it has continued to thrive under his guidance, being recognized as the
31 largest baking and stewing hen marketer in the United States; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding work and
33 Christ-like service of Tip Top Poultry and the contributions that Al Burruss and Robin
34 Burruss made to the Cobb County community and the State of Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Tip Top Poultry, Inc., on the occasion of its 70th
37 anniversary and honor A.L. "Al" Burruss and his son, Robin Burruss, for their contributions
38 to Marietta, Cobb County, and the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tip
41 Top Poultry, Inc.