

House Resolution 668

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and England of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bobby Patterson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, blacksmithing is a trade which had a significant role in early America that
3 included creating, maintaining, and repairing a variety of metal tools; and

4 WHEREAS, a tenth-generation blacksmith from Jackson County, Georgia, Bobby Patterson
5 made the decision in July, 1992, to blacksmith on the same location where his grandfather,
6 Major E. Patterson, a historical figure who greatly impacted the Braselton community,
7 worked for 20 years in order to raise awareness on the importance of blacksmithing in
8 American history and to maintain his grandfather's reputation; and

9 WHEREAS, Bobby Patterson has earned distinction and appreciation in his community for
10 his honest and hard-working attitude and his enthusiastic passion for educating the public on
11 the art of blacksmithing, and former Governor Zell Miller recognized him for upholding this
12 tradition and for preserving his family legacy in a letter addressed to Bobby; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
14 distinguished Georgian be further recognized.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend Bobby Patterson for his dedication to upholding ten
17 generations of blacksmithing and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health
18 and happiness.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
21 Bobby Patterson.