

House Resolution 712

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 32nd, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Harden of the 148th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Roy H. "Sonny" Watson on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Roy H. "Sonny" Watson was born in Wellston, Georgia, on April 20, 1937; and

4 WHEREAS, he attended Georgia Military College in Milledgeville and Mercer University
5 in Macon; and

6 WHEREAS, he served 17 years as Clerk and Administrator for Houston County, Georgia,
7 and 22 years in the Georgia Legislature, representing middle Georgia and serving on the
8 Appropriations Committee, Rules Committee, and Chairman of the House Industry
9 Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, he currently serves as Chairman of the Board for Houston Healthcare System,
11 Inc., Chairman of the Middle Georgia Community Action Agency, Inc., served for over 25
12 years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of CB&T Bank of Middle Georgia, and was a
13 member of the Georgia State Ethics Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, he is lovingly united in marriage to Jeanne Phillips since 1956, and the two
15 have been blessed with a remarkable daughter, Cynthia W. Rearden, two grandchildren,
16 Jennifer Spence and Joseph Rearden, and seven great-grandchildren, Chase, Hunter, Jackson,
17 Avery, Luke, Cade, and Allie; and

18 WHEREAS, he was the owner, CEO, and President of Watson Insurance Agency, Inc., and
19 the owner of Embeco, Inc., an insurance general agency, serving as Chairman and CEO from
20 1992 to 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
22 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, having served on the

23 Board of Directors for the Museum of Aviation since its inception and in 2013, receiving the
24 Charlie L. Jones Memorial Award for superior service to the community, the highest honor
25 awarded by the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he and his wife are members of the First
27 United Methodist Church of Centerville; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized as he celebrates his 80th
30 birthday.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body congratulate Roy H. "Sonny" Watson on the grand occasion of his
33 80th birthday and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Roy H. "Sonny" Watson.