

## House Resolution 1357

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Derek Harper; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, after graduating with a degree from Florida A&M's prestigious School of  
3 Business and Industry, Derek Harper joined WVEE as producer of its number one rated  
4 morning show in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1998, he accepted the Operations Manager/Morning Drive Personality  
6 position with WFXM in Macon, Georgia, and over the next four years he transformed it from  
7 a fledgling local station to the second most listened to urban station in all of Middle Georgia;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in 2005, Derek assumed the title of program director for WAMJ, and in 2007,  
10 he was given the additional responsibility and title of program director for WPZE, later  
11 launching the syndicated "Coco Brothers Live Show" and guiding WAMJ to be number one  
12 in the Atlanta market; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2015, he helped his company launch two more syndicated programs, the  
14 "Willie Moore, Jr., Show" and "The Nightly Spirit with Darlene McCoy"; and

15 WHEREAS, his inspiration station, WPZE, is the only station in history to win Station of the  
16 Year honors for three consecutive years; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
18 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Derek Harper for his many valuable  
21 contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for his continued  
22 success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Derek  
25 Harper.