

House Resolution 1669

By: Representative Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the Freeman-Fletcher Family Reunion; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Freeman-Fletcher Family Reunion takes place every two years and will be
3 held from July 20-22, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, this reunion is a grand and monumental occasion in which members of the
5 Freeman-Fletcher Family travel from different states to come together for a time of
6 celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, the earliest Tennessee records dating back to the 1900 census show that Fannie
8 Rucker was born in 1850 in Texas and that she married Richard Watkins in 1876; and

9 WHEREAS, the legacy of the extraordinary Freeman-Fletcher Family began with Shellie
10 Watkins Rhodes and Allen "Preach" Fletcher, Sr., and continues with the descendants of their
11 children, Sarah Elizabeth, who married Newman Charlie "Bootee" Freeman; Allen, Jr., who
12 married Annie Elizabeth "Putt"; and William Clifford, who married Sue Jesse Avent; and

13 WHEREAS, the children that blessed the lives of these remarkable men and women were the
14 catalyst for what has now become a wondrous family heritage for more than a century; and

15 WHEREAS, this family hailed from humble beginnings, and all of its incredible members
16 are known to be extraordinarily kindhearted, likeable, and faithful men and women who take
17 great pride in the Christian faith that has sustained them throughout history and which will
18 continue to do so; and

19 WHEREAS, the fine citizens who compose the Freeman-Fletcher Family are made strong
20 in their unity and faith and exemplify the best in American family life.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in celebrating the Freeman-Fletcher Family Reunion.

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 the
25 Freeman-Fletcher Family.