

## House Resolution 1738

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Powell of the 171<sup>st</sup>, and Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Special Assistant to the President of the United States and  
2 Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs William Kirkland; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a Georgia native, William "Billy" Kirkland graduated from the University of  
4 Georgia with a degree in political science; and

5 WHEREAS, he grew up in Henry County and Billy and his family, including both of his  
6 parents, his brother, and his sister, have been politically involved on both the state and local  
7 levels for many years, resulting in making the phrase "Henry County Strong" notable in  
8 political circles; and

9 WHEREAS, Billy has been a longtime grassroots leader in the Georgia Republican Party,  
10 has served as an officer in the Henry County Republican Party, and has worked on numerous  
11 state and local Republican campaigns, including the campaign of former Governor Sonny  
12 Perdue; and

13 WHEREAS, his extensive experience in the political arena includes serving as a legislative  
14 aide in the Georgia House of Representatives for Rep. Jimmy Pruet, serving Governor  
15 Sonny Perdue in his office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and serving as the campaign  
16 manager for Senator David Perdue's successful election campaign to the United States  
17 Senate; and

18 WHEREAS, his career path has led him to the White House as a highly esteemed Special  
19 Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; and

20 WHEREAS, in such position, Billy has been able to help our citizens in times of disaster and  
21 emergency and has been instrumental in giving state and local leaders from Georgia a voice  
22 on issues that are critical to the citizens of this state through regular invitations to the White

23 House to participate in discussions on matters such as infrastructure, tax reform, and the  
24 opioid crisis; and

25 WHEREAS, Billy is a long-suffering Atlanta sports fan, following the Atlanta Falcons,  
26 Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks (until the Golden State Warriors started winning), Atlanta  
27 United, and the Georgia Bulldogs, and he is also an avid fan of the Duke Blue Devils; and

28 WHEREAS, he has a world-class sense of humor, sharpening his elbows against both  
29 political opponents as well as sports adversaries, but also maintains the ability to laugh at  
30 himself; and

31 WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment to date was persuading his now wife Paige to  
32 marry him, allowing him to pass on his love for Atlanta sports to William Henry Kirkland;  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding service to this country  
35 and to the State of Georgia of this exemplary and esteemed citizen be appropriately  
36 recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Special Assistant to the President of the  
39 United States and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs William Kirkland.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
42 William Kirkland.