

House Resolution 833

By: Representative Tarvin of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Paul Joseph Watson of Rossville, Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the members of the Georgia General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn
4 of the passing of Paul Joseph Watson; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson was a man who loved his family, his students, his
6 colleagues, and all people; and

7 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson was a Vietnam era Army veteran, who served his country
8 admirably while stationed on the Turkish-Russian border; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson taught over 35,000 students at the University of Tennessee
10 in Chattanooga, and his aim was to encourage each person to work towards being the best
11 person they could be; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson published research papers with more than 50 undergraduate
13 students at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and wrote more than 200 papers on the
14 importance of theological perspectives and the psychology of religion; and

15 WHEREAS, his book, *Psychology and Religion Within an Ideological Sound*, will be
16 published posthumously; and

17 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson led the life of an exemplary citizen who loved and was
18 loved, a man of impeccable character who embodied a stalwart commitment to living the
19 examined life with courage and conviction; and

20 WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Watson will be deeply missed by his wife, Jackie; his children,
21 Megan and Joshua; his beloved grandchildren, Tyler and Henry; and many other family and
22 friends who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body honor and
24 remember the life of this exceptional teacher and human being.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Paul Joseph Watson.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Paul Joseph Watson.