

House Resolution 1398

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st, Cheokas of the 138th, England of the 116th, Barr of the 103rd, and Taylor of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the *Stewart Webster Journal Patriot Citizen* on the 170th
2 anniversary of its founding; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the *Stewart Webster Journal Patriot Citizen*, which was founded in 1849, is the
4 oldest newspaper in Southwest Georgia with over 12,000 readers and has the largest
5 circulation of any newspaper in its covered area; and

6 WHEREAS, since the first publication in Lumpkin, there have been eight publishers, seven
7 of which were local; and

8 WHEREAS, the *Patriot Citizen* was borne out of a merger between the *Marion County*
9 *Patriot*, which was first published in 1849 by A.P. Ashmore, and the *Ellaville Citizen* in
10 1968; both papers merged into one paper in 2000, now the *Stewart Webster Journal Patriot*
11 *Citizen*; and

12 WHEREAS, this remarkable publication has established a glowing reputation of renown
13 throughout Georgia for its rich history and stellar reporting, and it continues to meet the
14 diversified needs of its readers with friendly and professional service; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
16 extraordinary newspaper be appropriately recognized.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body congratulate the *Stewart Webster Journal Patriot Citizen* on the
19 occasion of its 170th anniversary, commend it for its many outstanding contributions on
20 behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for its continued growth,
21 development, and success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 *Stewart Webster Journal Patriot Citizen.*