

## House Resolution 1080

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, and Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bruce Burch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Bruce Burch on March 12, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bruce Burch was born in Gainesville, Georgia, and was a hit county songwriter  
5 who helped establish a series of benefit concerts in Gainesville; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Bruce co-wrote two hit singles for Reba McEntire, "Rumor Has It" and "It's  
7 Your Call," among many other songs for prominent country artists, including Faith Hill,  
8 George Jones, and T. Graham Brown; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Bruce helped found an annual concert series in Gainesville originally known  
10 as the Bruce Burch & Friends Honor John Jarrard Concert, which raised money for local  
11 nonprofits through the John Jarrard Foundation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the foundation, named after the late John Jarrard, raises money for local  
13 nonprofits including Good News Clinics, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County, and  
14 Georgia Mountain Food Bank; and

15 WHEREAS, he operated his own publishing companies and worked for EMI, a major music  
16 publishing company in Nashville, and worked as an artist manager. Bruce published a book  
17 in 1996 about his music career called *Songs that Changed Our Lives*, in which he shared  
18 stories about his hit songs and the artists who recorded them; and

19 WHEREAS, he was blessed with two remarkable children, Sarah and Matthew; and four  
20 wonderful grandchildren, Lucy, Maisy, Jack, and Walter; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bruce will long be remembered for his love  
25 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
26 knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bruce Burch and express  
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Bruce Burch.