

House Resolution 1802

By: Representative Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Samuel Nelson Givens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia join family and friends in remembering the life and
3 legacy of Samuel Nelson Givens, a devoted father, proud veteran, hardworking craftsman,
4 and man of deep faith whose life reflected service, compassion, and integrity; and

5 WHEREAS, Samuel Nelson Givens was born on January 29, 1938, in Tallahassee-Leon
6 County, Florida, to the late Lewis and Melinda Atkins Givens, and he was lovingly known
7 as "Sam" by family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, he grew up in a large and loving family environment and attended the public
9 schools of Leon County, developing the strong character, discipline, and values that would
10 guide him throughout his life; and

11 WHEREAS, with great pride and honor, Samuel Nelson Givens served his country as an
12 infantryman in the United States Army, demonstrating courage, patriotism, and commitment
13 to the ideals of freedom and service; and

14 WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from the United States Army, he devoted
15 himself to providing for his family and became known for his exceptional work ethic and
16 remarkable craftsmanship; and

17 WHEREAS, Samuel Nelson Givens wore many hats in his professional life and became
18 highly skilled in automotive repair, carpentry, brick masonry, tile-setting, landscaping, and
19 home repair, earning the respect and admiration of many who sought his talents and trusted
20 his work; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a man known not only for his skills but also for his generous heart, often
22 helping others by repairing cars and making home improvements for those in need,
23 frequently free of charge; and

24 WHEREAS, Samuel Nelson Givens was also known as an avid drag racing enthusiast who
25 loved fast cars and would travel great distances to attend drag racing events, a passion that
26 brought him joy and fellowship with others; and

27 WHEREAS, early in life, he recognized the importance of a close relationship with God,
28 confessing Christ as his Savior and becoming a devoted member of Greater St. Mark
29 Primitive Baptist Church, where his faith remained a guiding force in his life; and

30 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2007, Brother Samuel Nelson Givens peacefully surrendered to the
31 will of God and entered eternal rest to receive his heavenly crown; and

32 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughters, Evelyn G. Faison of
33 Havana, Florida; Sandra (Edward) Scott of Rex, Georgia; and Malinda M. Givens of
34 Lawrenceville, Georgia; his devoted sons, Devin Givens and Jevon Givens; his beloved

35 sisters, Ophelia Dickey, Rosa Bell Richardson, Dorothy Dorsey, and Melinda Henderson;
36 his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchild; his devoted companion, Christine Oliver;
37 and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

38 WHEREAS, Samuel Nelson Givens lived a life defined by service, humility, generosity,
39 faith, and love for his family, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire all who knew him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Samuel Nelson Givens and
42 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of Samuel Nelson Givens.