

House Resolution 656

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Senator Ed Harbison; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, first elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1992, Senator Ed Harbison
3 represents the citizens of Macon, Marion, Talbot, Taylor, and Schley counties, as well as
4 portions of Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County; and

- 5 WHEREAS, prior to his election, he served as second vice president of the Muscogee County
6 School Board and was a member of the Columbus Charter Review Commission; and

- 7 WHEREAS, Senator Harbison's introduction to broadcast media was with WRMA AM
8 Radio in Montgomery, Alabama, when he was approached to host the popular *Teentime* radio
9 show, a guest appearance that would last four years and turn him into a local radio star; and

- 10 WHEREAS, after Senator Harbison valiantly and courageously served in the United States
11 Marine Corps, he returned home and enrolled into the Career Academy School of
12 Broadcasting in Atlanta; and

13 WHEREAS, as a trainee at WQXI-AM/WQXI-FM, he interviewed Debbie Reynolds,
14 Vincent Price, Hosea Williams, Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Governor Lester Maddox,
15 Maynard Jackson, and Jane Fonda with the Black Panthers; and

16 WHEREAS, in February 1972, Senator Harbison became the news and public affairs director
17 for WOKS-AM radio, where he operated a full-time news staff and won several awards,
18 including an award from the NABJ and UPI for excellence in broadcast journalism; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Harbison has received much recognition for his professional
20 accomplishments and his community service, including the James Costen Government
21 Services Award, the National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice for distinguished
22 and gallant support of the Infantry, the Associated Press Annual Award for Best Regularly
23 Scheduled TV Newscast, and more; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
25 of this remarkable individual.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Senator Ed Harbison upon his induction
28 into the Broadcast Hall of Fame and extend sincere best wishes for many more years of
29 health and happiness.

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
32 Senator Ed Harbison.