

House Resolution 1985

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and Smith of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ruben Hairston upon his induction into the Fort Valley State
2 Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ruben Hairston has distinguished himself through a lifetime of achievement in
4 athletics, public service, and community leadership, earning recognition for his contributions
5 both on and off the field; and

6 WHEREAS, during his collegiate football career, Ruben Hairston earned Southern
7 Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player, Receiver of the Year, and
8 Offensive Player of the Year honors in 1977 and was named to the All-SIAC Football Team
9 in 1979, establishing himself as one of the conference's premier athletes; and

10 WHEREAS, he advanced thereafter to the professional level as a wide receiver with the
11 Detroit Lions in 1979 and the Kansas City Chiefs in 1980, and he continues to support
12 football and youth development as founder of the West Georgia Youth Football Camp; and

13 WHEREAS, transitioning to a career in public service, Ruben Hairston began his work in
14 law enforcement in 1982 as a deputy sheriff in Peach County, Georgia, later serving as part

15 of the Troup County Sheriff's Office and as a magistrate judge in the Troup County
16 Magistrate Court; and

17 WHEREAS, he further distinguished himself through his service with the Troup County
18 Marshal's Office, where he made history the first African American chief marshal in the State
19 of Georgia, as well as his role of chief investigator for the Department of Agriculture; and

20 WHEREAS, his exemplary service in law enforcement was recognized statewide when he
21 was named Chief of the Year in 2002 and runner-up for Chief of the Year in 2001 by the
22 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police; and

23 WHEREAS, is it abundantly fitting and proper that this exceptional individual be
24 appropriately honored during this special time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Ruben Hairston upon the grand occasion
27 of his well-deserved induction into the Fort Valley State Hall of Fame and extend the most
28 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Ruben Hairston.