

House Resolution 1172

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Romman of the 97th, Panitch of the 51st, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and Hilton of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Uchida Sensei and the Taido Karate School; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mitsunobu Uchida, known as Uchida Sensei or Uchida Kaicho, has been
4 shaping young lives since 1975 at the Taido Karate School; and

5 WHEREAS, he first arrived in America in Los Angeles, on March 1, 1970, and moved to
6 Atlanta in the summer of 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, he opened the Taido Karate School on October 15, 1975, at its original location
8 at the Pinetree Plaza Shopping Center on Buford Highway in Doraville; and

9 WHEREAS, he wanted to be in movies, Like Bruce Lee, so he started auditioning for parts
10 and ended up doing commercials for Krystal, Dodge, Ford, and Honda; and

11 WHEREAS, the original script for the film *Major League 2* was going to have a Zen master,
12 and he was contacted for a possible audition; however, the script was changed to have a
13 Japanese baseball player instead of an older Zen master; and

14 WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 20,000 Georgians have taken lessons at the school
15 since 1975, and he has produced around 500 black belts in that time period; and

16 WHEREAS, the school hosted international tournaments in Atlanta in 1986, 1996, 2005, and
17 2015 and is planning on hosting one next year to celebrate its 50th anniversary; and

18 WHEREAS, he has been married to Evelyn O. Uchida, a Georgia native, for 46 years and
19 is the father of four sons Mike, Mitsuaki, Musashi, and Seiji; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Uchida Sensei and the Taido Karate
24 School and thank him for his efforts of behalf of his community and state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
27 Uchida Sensei.