

House Resolution 891

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st and Cheokas of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Charles L. Houston on his outstanding public service; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles L. Houston has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he served 40 years as an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, and
7 since his earliest days of active ministry, he has been heavily involved with public safety
8 agencies throughout South Georgia, first as a volunteer fireman and then a law enforcement
9 chaplain; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston retired from the ministry in 2009 to form Caring Connection
11 Chaplaincy in order to fully dedicate his time to serving the agencies and people to which he
12 relates; and

13 WHEREAS, he began his involvement with public service agencies in 1976 when he served
14 as Pastor of Plains UMC and joined the City of Plains Volunteer Fire Department; as Pastor
15 of St. Mary's UMC, he continued to serve as a volunteer fireman, was appointed by the Chief
16 as police department chaplain and attended the Coastal Georgia Police Academy where he
17 completed the "Basic Law Enforcement Training" course; and

18 WHEREAS, when Dr. Houston served as Senior Pastor of Centerville UMC, Richmond Hill
19 UMC, and Thomasville First UMC, he served as Chaplain of the Police Department in each
20 community, and in Thomasville, Georgia, he facilitated the creation of the Law Enforcement
21 Spouses Association; and

22 WHEREAS, he has been a certified chaplain with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and
23 Training Council since 1995; is a member of International Conference of Police Chaplains;

24 and since 1997, he has served as Senior Chaplain with the Georgia Department of Public
25 Safety; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2005, Dr. Houston became chaplain with the Georgia Bureau of
27 Investigation; in 2008, he joined Georgia Department of Natural Resources as chaplain with
28 their Law Enforcement Section; he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Governor
29 of the State of Georgia Homeland Security Chaplains; and he is certified to serve in disaster
30 situations; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston received certificates of training in "Group Crisis Intervention" and
32 "Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support" in August, 2010, through the Federal Law
33 Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia, and he has been Chaplain with the
34 Darien Police Department since 2010; and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend Dr. Charles L. Houston for his efficient, effective,
39 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to him their most
40 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
43 Charles L. Houston.