

House Resolution 1439

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Stephens of the 164th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc., on the grand occasion of their 50th anniversary
2 and recognizing Mr. Tom Griffith; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc., was founded in 1965 by Tom Griffith in the
4 Five Points neighborhood of Athens, Georgia, with a mission to provide area residents and
5 University of Georgia students easy access to everyday goods; and

6 WHEREAS, with a commitment to offer the highest level of service, the Golden Pantry has
7 expanded to several locations throughout the Athens area and is now pursuing efforts to
8 partner with and support providers of local goods; and

9 WHEREAS, through their expansion, the Golden Pantry not only offers everyday goods, but
10 they are also home to the famous "Mimi's Deli" and sell high-quality gasoline; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith has been integral to the successful growth of the convenience store;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith has always been actively involved in the community, serving in
14 positions that include president of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the
15 Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, founder of Classic Charities, Inc., founder and
16 president of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, former Chairman of the Board
17 of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and a member of the Board of the Georgia
18 Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body honor Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc., on the grand occasion of
21 their 50th anniversary and recognize Mr. Tom Griffith for his dedicated service to his
22 company, community, and the State of Georgia.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Golden
25 Pantry Food Stores, Inc., and Mr. Tom Griffith.