

House Resolution 328

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 133rd, Parrish of the 158th, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bruce Widener for his many years of service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bruce Widener has represented various associations and corporations at the
4 Georgia State Capitol for 49 sessions; and

5 WHEREAS, he was elected to this great body, the Georgia House of Representatives, in
6 1980, where he served on the Natural Resources, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles
7 committees; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2021 Legislative Session will be his final session due to his eminent and
9 well-earned retirement to Lake Hartwell; and

10 WHEREAS, during his time at the Georgia State Capitol, he has advocated on behalf of over
11 20 various associations and corporations, helping to enact legislation that benefits both
12 Georgia and the industries he represented; and

13 WHEREAS, his legislative impacts have included sweeping reforms to professional licensure
14 laws, clearing massive regulatory costs and fees, promoting consumer choice and safety,
15 protecting precious natural resources like groundwater, and much more; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a proud 1970 graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of
17 Business Administration in general business; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a proud veteran of the United States Military; and

19 WHEREAS, he serves on the National Rifle Association National Gun Collector Committee;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he is married to Ashley Griffin Widener, who also represented the Georgia
22 Pharmacy Association before joining Widener & Associates Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, his daughter, a graduate of Washington and Lee University who has worked as
24 a CPA for Price Waterhouse Cooper, is now a stay-at-home mother of three rambunctious
25 boys; and

26 WHEREAS, he has a son who is an orthopaedic surgeon and partner with Resurgens
27 Orthopaedic, practicing in Canton, Georgia; a graduate of the University of the South and the
28 Medical College of Georgia; and a father to two lovely children; and

29 WHEREAS, he has a daughter who is a graduate of Clemson University, a videographer for
30 Furman University, and a talented entrepreneur; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker Green will be taking his place in representing the multiple
32 industries for which he passionately advocated at the state capitol.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Bruce Widener for his efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
36 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
37 health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bruce
40 Widener.