

House Resolution 566

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Lindsey of the 54th, Bruce of the 61st, Abrams of the 89th, Jordan of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Steve Holman on his outstanding achievements; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Steve Holman, a 2011 Georgia Radio Hall of Fame inductee and broadcasting
4 ironman, has made significant contributions to the world of sports as the play-by-play
5 broadcaster for the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association; and

6 WHEREAS, born March 5, 1954, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Steve Holman's first radio
7 job was at WCCM in Lawrence, where he worked under sportscasting icon and station owner
8 Curt Gowdy; and

9 WHEREAS, his NBA career began in the early 1970s as a broadcast assistant to the
10 legendary voice of the Boston Celtics, Johnny Most, and in 1975, he called his first NBA
11 game when Most went hoarse mid-game; and

12 WHEREAS, he became the "Voice of the Hawks" in 1989, and he hit a broadcasting
13 milestone of 1,500 consecutive broadcasted games for the Atlanta Hawks on his 53rd
14 birthday on March 5, 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, the January 16, 2013, Atlanta Hawks game was his 2,000th consecutive
16 broadcasted game, and he holds the title of having the longest current streak of any NBA
17 broadcaster; and

18 WHEREAS, Steve Holman has announced Hawks games around the globe and has been a
19 part of several notable historic calls, including the night Dominique Wilkins became the
20 team's all-time scoring leader as well as Lenny Wilkens's record-breaking 939th career win;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman also was a part of the 1996 Olympic Games in
23 Atlanta, where he called play-by-play action for both the United States men's and women's
24 gold medal basketball teams in addition to boxing; and

25 WHEREAS, Steve Holman is married to Mary Jane, and they have two beloved sons, Steve,
26 Jr., and Scott; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable individual be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of his body commend Steve Holman on his significant contributions to the
31 world of sports as the "Voice of the Hawks."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Steve Holman.