

House Resolution 1322

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending John Terry for his service to Talbot County; and for other
2 purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his
8 many years of service to Talbot County and the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his career in the Talbot County School System in 1970 as a social
10 studies teacher and rose to superintendent of schools by 1981 where he served with
11 distinction until 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1996, he joined the Georgia Department Education as field services director
13 and retired from the department in 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, beyond his career in education, he also served as Talbot County's first African
15 American Tax Assessor and first African American Talbot County Probate Judge; and

16 WHEREAS, he currently is the CEO of the Terry Family Funeral Homes in Hamilton and
17 Talbotton, assisting families in their times of sadness and grief and helping them mourn a
18 death and celebrate a life; and

19 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Daphne Hardnett Terry and blessed with
20 a wonderful daughter, Shatara Terry; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is an active member of Valley Grove
22 Baptist Church where he is chairman of the deacon ministry; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend John Terry and thank him for his service
27 to Talbot County and the State of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John
30 Terry.