

House Resolution 703

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Beverly of the 143rd, Hopson of the 153rd, Holly of the 111th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rafiq Ahmad on his outstanding public service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rafiq Ahmad 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
8 dramatically by his superlative years of service; and

9 WHEREAS, Rafiq began his career in 1987 at the headquarters of the United States Bureau
10 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) as a clerk while working through
11 college, and once he graduated, he joined the planning and analyst staff; and

12 WHEREAS, in his first field position as an industry operations investigator in Greensboro,
13 North Carolina, Rafiq had several innovative investigations involving moonshine, explosives,
14 and firearms, and he utilized the existing North Carolina firearms permit system to develop
15 new techniques for investigating firearms trafficking; and

16 WHEREAS, after his success in North Carolina, Rafiq was transferred to Macon, Georgia,
17 as a special agent, where he led federal criminal investigations, conducted undercover
18 operations with a network of law enforcement allies and informants, and spearheaded an
19 arson and explosives task force, among other accomplishments; and

20 WHEREAS, Rafiq was then promoted to resident agent in Atlanta, Georgia, where he
21 supervised the Violent Crime Impact Team, directed the largest task force in the Atlanta field
22 division, and conducted the first ever storefront operation in Atlanta, which has led to the
23 arrest of over 75 targets, the seizure of nearly 400 firearms, and countless quantities of drugs;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, his service continued with his transfer to the Field Intelligence Group, where
26 he collaborated with upper-level executives to implement the Violent Repeat Offender
27 initiative; from there, he was transferred to the Arson and Explosives Group where he
28 oversaw a team of explosive experts; and

29 WHEREAS, promoted to special agent in charge of the Atlanta Regional Office at the
30 Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Rafiq directed and monitored criminal
31 investigations involving labor racketeering and fraud for an eight state territory; and

32 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
33 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
34 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
35 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

36 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
37 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

38 WHEREAS, Rafiq has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and unyielding
39 commitment to excellence will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Rafiq Ahmad for his efficient, effective,
44 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
45 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
46 health and happiness.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Rafiq
49 Ahmad.