

House Resolution 1296

By: Representative Parham of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the "J.T. 'Sonny' King Memorial Regional Office" of the Georgia Bureau of
2 Investigation at Milledgeville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the late Special Agent in Charge ("SAC") Sonny King was a law enforcement
4 officer for the State of Georgia for over 20 years until his death in the line of duty in 1985;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, SAC Sonny King was born and raised in Baldwin County, Georgia, where
7 generations of his family have resided; and

8 WHEREAS, SAC Sonny King served as a Georgia State Trooper from 1964 to 1968; and

9 WHEREAS, he then joined the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent; and

10 WHEREAS, SAC Sonny King returned home to Baldwin County and served as the Special
11 Agent in Charge of the Milledgeville Regional Office of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
12 from 1979 until his death in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Special Agent in Charge of the Milledgeville Regional
14 Office, SAC Sonny King worked diligently to convict lawbreakers while working just as
15 hard to protect the innocent and assist victims of crime; and

16 WHEREAS, on September 13, 1985, SAC Sonny King and another agent of the Georgia
17 Bureau of Investigation were in Morgan County to arrest a suspect in a double homicide
18 case; and

19 WHEREAS, the suspect began shooting at the agents and a bullet struck SAC King in the
20 chest; and

1 WHEREAS, despite his injury, he was able to return fire, along with the other agent, and the
2 suspect later died; and

3 WHEREAS, SAC Sonny King died at the scene; and

4 WHEREAS, he faithfully served the State of Georgia and its citizens until his death in 1985;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, his bravery and valor will never be forgotten by his fellow agents of the Georgia
7 Bureau of Investigation.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 GEORGIA that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is authorized and directed to designate
10 the Milledgeville Regional Office of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as the "J.T. 'Sonny'
11 King Memorial Regional Office" and to erect and maintain an appropriate marker at the
12 complex for such purposes.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of SAC J.T.
15 "Sonny" King.