

House Resolution 1423

By: Representative Brooks of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Deputy Chief Bobby "B. J." Rucker and expressing condolences upon
2 his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bobby "B. J." Rucker was born on January 20, 1946, in Warren County,
4 Georgia, and was reared by his mother, the late Mrs. Josephine Coffin and his stepfather, the
5 late Mr. Jonah Coffin; and

6 WHEREAS, he grew up in Warrenton, Georgia, and graduated from Warrenton High School;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he attended Fort Valley State College and in 1966 joined the United States Air
9 Force; and

10 WHEREAS, when he moved to the City of Atlanta in 1969 he joined the Atlanta Police
11 Department; and

12 WHEREAS, in May, 1977, he was married to the love of his life, Jennifer D. Butts, and they
13 became the proud parents of three children: Alicia Rucker-Ficklin, Brandon Rucker, and
14 Brittany Rucker; and

15 WHEREAS, he had a very distinguished career during his tenure as a City of Atlanta police
16 officer, working in many departments including the Criminal Investigations Department,
17 Fugitive Squad, Red Dog Unit, K-9 Airport Unit, and Field Operations Division; and

18 WHEREAS, he received numerous awards and citations, including a letter of congratulations
19 from Vice President Al Gore for his participation in the organization of the security for the
20 Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games; and

1 WHEREAS, he was promoted to deputy police chief in 1995 and retired as such after 30
2 years of dedicated service with the department; and

3 WHEREAS, he died peacefully on March 9, 2002.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body honor the life of service and achievement of Deputy Chief Bobby
6 "B. J." Rocker and express their condolences to his family.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jennifer Rocker.