

House Resolution 1538

By: Representatives Callaway of the 81st, Walker of the 141st, Day of the 153rd, Porter of the 143rd, Skipper of the 137th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to allow children of POST
2 certified law enforcement officers who have died while carrying out their duties to attend a
3 state college or university tuition free in order to obtain an undergraduate degree; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers serve and protect our society so that all of the citizens
6 of this state and country can live safe and free; and

7 WHEREAS, in carrying out their duties as law enforcement officers these men and women
8 take substantial risks, jeopardizing their safety and the future of their children; and

9 WHEREAS, the strength of any democratic society lies in the education, enlightenment, and
10 participation of its citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the continuity and vitality of any democratic society lies in the informed
12 participation on many levels of its citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, many national studies have shown that the greater an individual's level of
14 education, the greater their participation in the democratic process from volunteerism to
15 voting to holding elected office; and

16 WHEREAS, such participation dramatically increases with education, as the National Center
17 for Education Statistics has documented in its analysis of the 1992 U.S. presidential election,
18 where it found that voting rates for those with less than a high school diploma were 27
19 percent, while voting rates for those with four or more years of college were 78.5 percent;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, with its 34 individual campuses, various
22 centers, more than 200,000 students and 30,000 employees, is ideally suited to help promote

1 the goals, duties, and responsibilities of good citizenship to the people of the State of
2 Georgia.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 this body urges the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to implement a
5 system to allow children of deceased POST certified law enforcement officers who have died
6 in the line of duty to attend a state college or university tuition free in order to obtain an
7 undergraduate degree.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Regents of the
10 University System of Georgia.