

## House Resolution 397

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123<sup>rd</sup> and Jenkins of the 110<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of William Oscar "W.O." Reece; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished  
3 citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of William Oscar "W.O." Reece; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all  
5 his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of Jones  
6 County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this beloved individual exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding  
8 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties throughout his  
9 career of peerless public service as a corrections officer and deputy sheriff with the Jones  
10 County sheriff's department for over 28 years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his fine example of public service in law enforcement has established a proud  
12 tradition now in its third generation through his son Butch, who has been elected to his fifth  
13 term as sheriff, and his grandson Robert, who has also joined the sheriff's department; and
- 14 WHEREAS, served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States  
15 Army during World War II where he also served as a driver for General Sam Patton; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
17 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens  
18 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
19 associates; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an  
21 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
3 William Oscar "W.O." Reece; commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
4 he exhibited in carrying out the difficult duties of law enforcement; and extend to his family  
5 their utmost appreciation for his having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning  
6 of public servant.

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 the family of William Oscar  
9 "W.O." Reece.