

House Resolution 24

By: Representative Rogers of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

1 Compensating Mr. Ronald Poole; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Poole, a resident of Gainesville, Georgia, was employed as a
3 juvenile corrections officer at the Gainesville Regional Youth Detention Center; and

4 WHEREAS, an internal investigation was undertaken in the fall of 1996 as a result of
5 accusations made by juvenile inmates that Mr. Poole along with other juvenile corrections
6 officers had abused said inmates; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Poole was forced to resign from his job as a corrections officer and the
8 results of the investigation were forwarded to the district attorney for prosecution; and

9 WHEREAS, in July, 1997, Mr. Poole was arrested and indicted for two counts of cruelty to
10 child in the first degree and two counts of failure to report an incident of child abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, the trial of Mr. Poole began on August 31, 1998, and he was acquitted of all
12 charges; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Poole has suffered personal injury and property damage, including lost
14 wages, injury to reputation, emotional distress, and attorneys' fees, totaling \$37,000.00; and

15 WHEREAS, such losses occurred through no fault or negligence on the part of Mr. Poole,
16 and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA that the Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized and directed to pay the sum
19 of \$37,000.00 to Mr. Ronald Poole as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be
20 paid from funds appropriated to or available to said Department of Juvenile Justice and shall

1 be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of said
2 occurrence.