

House Resolution 23

By: Representative Rogers of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Compensating Mr. Ray Jones; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray Jones, a resident of Gainesville, Georgia, was employed for three years
3 as a 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. Jones along with other juvenile corrections
6 officers had abused said inmates; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones 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. Jones was arrested and indicted for one count of cruelty to
10 child in the first degree and one count of failure to report an incident of child abuse; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the trial of Mr. Jones began on August 31, 1998, and he was acquitted of all
12 charges; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has suffered personal injury and property damage, including lost
14 wages, injury to reputation, emotional distress, and attorneys' fees, totaling \$35,000.00; and
- 15 WHEREAS, such losses occurred through no fault or negligence on the part of Mr. Jones,
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 \$35,000.00 to Mr. Ray Jones as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid
20 from funds appropriated to or available to said Department of Juvenile Justice and shall be
21 in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of said occurrence.

