

House Resolution 1539

By: Representatives Buck of the 112th, Coleman of the 118th, Stanley-Turner of the 43rd, Post 2, Snow of the 1st, Hanner of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant Colonel Myron E. Freeman and congratulating him on the occasion
2 of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Myron E. Freeman was born April 27, 1950, in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated
4 from Atlanta's Luther Judson Price High School in 1968; and

5 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army as a military policeman at Fort Dix, New
6 Jersey; was honorably discharged in 1971; and joined the Georgia State Patrol in May of
7 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, he was first assigned to the Georgia State Patrol post in Savannah and later
9 assigned to the Governor's mansion, thus becoming the first African American to be assigned
10 to executive security; and

11 WHEREAS, he was promoted to the rank of corporal under Governor Jimmy Carter; and

12 WHEREAS, while serving as security aide to Governor George D. Busbee, Lt. Colonel
13 Freeman was promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain and designated supervisor, head
14 of security by Governor Busbee and again was the first African American to hold these titles;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, he was promoted to the rank of major in March of 1989 under Governor Joe
17 Frank Harris and, in 1993, assumed the duties of deputy commissioner for the Georgia
18 Department of Public Safety under Governor Zell Miller; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2001, Governor Barnes and Department of Motor Vehicle Safety
20 Commissioner Tim Burgess swore in Lt. Colonel Freeman as a member of the Department
21 of Motor Vehicle Safety where he currently serves as accreditation and certification officer
22 for the new agency; and

1 WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Freeman holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, a master's
2 degree in public administration, and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
3 National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement
5 Executives, the State Personnel Directors' Council, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus
6 Advisory Committee, and the Peace Officers Association of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he is married to the beautiful Pamela Johnson-Freeman and together they run
8 a successful business in the East Point community.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend Lieutenant Colonel Myron E. Freeman for his many
11 years of courageous and faithful service and invaluable contributions to this state,
12 congratulate him on a well earned retirement, and wish him all the best and happiness in the
13 future.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Myron
16 E. Freeman.