

House Resolution 1821

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 48th, Post 3, and Holmes of the 48th, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Supporting formation of municipal uniform crime alert networks, to be known as "Uniform
2 Alert," and encouraging participation by the governing authorities of the Cities of Hapeville,
3 College Park, East Point, and Forest Park; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, one of the fundamental purposes and roles of government is the protection of
5 its citizens from criminal activity; and
- 6 WHEREAS, safeguarding the public welfare, including persons and property, is a critical and
7 pervasive function of local governments and local law enforcement agencies; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the limits of law enforcement agencies' manpower suggest a need for
9 communities to offer additional crime prevention support and assistance to traditional police
10 efforts; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the public welfare would be greatly served by the launching of a crime alert
12 network composed of those municipal employees who are required to wear city uniforms and
13 whose jobs place them in public areas such as code enforcement officers, meter readers, road
14 service crews, sanitation workers, and others; and
- 15 WHEREAS, marshaling the resources of these public employees in a committed partnership
16 with law enforcement agencies for the purpose of reporting suspicious criminal activity or
17 a conspicuous crime would be a tremendous assistance to crime prevention locally; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this unique no-cost effort to support and enhance community policing efforts
19 through establishment of an efficient network of communications between uniformed city
20 employees and city police departments is worthy of consideration and implementation by city
21 governing authorities.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body supports the idea of establishing municipal based crime alert networks composed
3 of municipal employees to be known as "Uniform Alert" and encourages the governing
4 authorities of the Cities of Hapeville, College Park, East Point, and Forest Park to establish
5 a "Uniform Alert" network for their respective cities.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayors of the Cities of
8 Hapeville, College Park, East Point, and Forest Park.