

House Resolution 283

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Neal of the 1st, Cox of the 102nd, Horne of the 71st, Black of the 174th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police for its
2 outstanding service to the law enforcement officers of this state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police is an organization of sworn
4 and qualified retired law enforcement professionals volunteering their time for the betterment
5 of law enforcement and their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police recognized the lifesaving
7 benefits of bulletproof vests and that all law enforcement officers in Georgia should wear
8 one; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police created the "Protect the
10 Protectors" program in 1997 with the goal of making available bulletproof vests to law
11 enforcement officers across Georgia who cannot afford them; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, through this program, made
13 bulletproof vests available at no cost to law enforcement officers or the agencies where they
14 are employed and with no obligation to be a member of or to join the Fraternal Order of
15 Police; and

16 WHEREAS, since the "Protect the Protectors" program began, the Georgia State Lodge,
17 Fraternal Order of Police has purchased over 446 bulletproof vests for 67 law enforcement
18 agencies across Georgia at a cost of \$160,560.00.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in recognizing and commending the Georgia State Lodge,
21 Fraternal Order of Police for its outstanding "Protect the Protectors" program and its efforts
22 to save the lives of Georgia's law enforcement officers.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Executive Board of the Georgia State
- 3 Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police.