

Senate Resolution 1362

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and remembering the life of Deputy Joseph Whitehead; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Joseph Whitehead, a deputy with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, was
3 tragically killed in the line of duty on March 23, 2006, at the age of 36; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deputy Whitehead, an 11 year veteran of the sheriff's office, bravely served his
5 community and the citizens of this state as a career peace officer, having served as an officer
6 in the jail, a road patrol officer, and, in 2002, moving to the drug squad; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was also a certified firearms instructor and was frequently called upon to
8 speak on law enforcement issues facing the community; and
- 9 WHEREAS, while assigned to the drug squad, Joseph Whitehead played a vital role in
10 protecting society from drugs, with key involvement in a number of high-profile drug cases,
11 and important cooperative missions with federal agencies, including the Drug Enforcement
12 Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Deputy Whitehead was greatly respected by other law enforcement officers and
14 agents who knew that they could depend on him and that if they were sent "out on any call
15 with Deputy Whitehead, their backup would be there"; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Joseph Whitehead was also held in the highest regard by the officials and
17 citizens he honorably served, renowned for his humility in service and his aggressive fight
18 to preserve public safety and order; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Joseph Whitehead demonstrated courage, dedication, and the greatest sacrifice
20 of all as he gave his life to help protect and defend the citizens of Georgia from the forces
21 of evil; and

1 WHEREAS, Joseph Whitehead was first and foremost a man devoted to his family, a loving
2 husband, and a father of three children; and

3 WHEREAS, Joseph Whitehead will be remembered always as a shining example to us all
4 and a true hero.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 commend and remember the bravery and sacrifice of Deputy Joseph Whitehead and extend
7 their sincerest condolences to his family.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Joseph Whitehead.