

House Resolution 103

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Compensating Ms. Brandy Brown Rhodes, administrator for the estate of Phyllis Oliver
2 Brown and late wife of Sheriff Derwin Brown; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, late in the evening of December 15, 2000, Sheriff-Elect Derwin Brown had just
4 returned home from the celebration of his wife's birthday and the completion of the state
5 sheriff's training program when he was brutally gunned down in front of his home; shot 11
6 times, he was the victim of a horrendous revenge killing orchestrated by the defeated sheriff
7 of DeKalb County, Sidney Dorsey; and

8 WHEREAS, since that time Sheriff Brown's family has suffered immensely both mentally
9 and physically from the tremendous shock and grief caused by their loss; and

10 WHEREAS, the family of Sheriff Derwin Brown has also suffered economically from the
11 loss of a husband and father; and

12 WHEREAS, the sadness and stress was too much for his devoted and loving wife, Mrs.
13 Phyllis Brown, to overcome and she suffered immensely during her final years with health
14 and financial problems until her death on Christmas Eve in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, now the children of Sheriff Brown must suffer from the loss of both their
16 parents and this suffering was caused by the unjust and evil actions of an elected state
17 official; and

18 WHEREAS, the children of Sheriff and Mrs. Brown have no hope of financial recovery or
19 award, as all legal avenues for recovery have been exhausted; and unless the people of this
20 state through this body grant them some relief, they will not be made whole for their
21 tremendous financial loss.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay
3 the sum of \$3,630,900.00 to Ms. Brandy Brown Rhodes as compensation as provided above.
4 Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of
5 Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against
6 the state arising out of said occurrence. Said sum shall not be subject to state income taxes
7 and shall be paid in the form of an annuity over a 20 year period of time with an initial lump
8 sum payment of \$100,000.00.