

## House Resolution 746

By: Representative Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Officer Mathew Willcoxon of the Garden City Police Department; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on the evening of March 16, 2007, the family of the late Felix Johnson  
4 contacted the Garden City Police Department in order to request their assistance in escorting  
5 Mr. Johnson's funeral procession on St. Patrick's Day; and

6 WHEREAS, with the utmost efficiency and compassion for the grieving family members of  
7 the late Mr. Johnson, Officer Mathew Willcoxon and other officers arrived promptly on the  
8 morning of March 17 and provided invaluable assistance in escorting the funeral procession  
9 throughout the course of the day; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the increased traffic activity associated with the immensely popular St.  
11 Patrick's Day festivities of Savannah and Chatham County, the Garden City Police  
12 Department managed the funeral procession with the highest degree of professionalism,  
13 despite the short notice; and

14 WHEREAS, the actions of the Garden City Police Department proved their commitment to  
15 "community policing," an attitude towards law enforcement that seeks the maximum level  
16 of cooperation among police, neighborhood businesses, and members of the community; and

17 WHEREAS, as they responded with the utmost sensitivity for the feelings of the family of  
18 the late Mr. Johnson, Officer Mathew Willcoxon and the Garden City Police Department  
19 have brought honor to the State of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Officer Mathew Willcoxon of the Garden City Police  
22 Department for his outstanding assistance during the funeral procession on St. Patrick's Day,  
23 March 17, 2007, and extend their sincerest best wishes for his future.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Mathew Willcoxon.