

## House Resolution 1980

By: Representatives Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup> and Glanton of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the sacrifice and service of Deputy Yolanda Shumaker and inviting her to be  
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Yolanda Shumaker is highly regarded by the citizens of her community  
4 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and  
5 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, an officer with six years experience, Deputy Shumaker has diligently and  
7 conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and energy to the residents of Macon, Clayton  
8 County, and Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2009, Deputy Shumaker responded to a domestic dispute call  
10 in Hampton, Georgia, and was fired upon; and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Shumaker was shot in the chest with a .357 Magnum bullet, which  
12 penetrated her ballistics vest and struck her skin; and

13 WHEREAS, she survived the shooting and was back on the job in two months,  
14 demonstrating a great determination and commitment to protect and serve the people of  
15 Georgia and Clayton County; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Shumaker demonstrated great courage as she placed her own safety on  
17 the line in order to protect a victim of domestic violence and prevent further harm to others;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, due to Deputy Shumaker's courage and bravery on that February day in 2009,  
20 she was named a member of the Legion of Life program, which honors police officers who  
21 have been saved by bullet proof vests; and

22 WHEREAS, Deputy Shumaker currently works as a community relations officer with the  
23 Clayton County Sheriff's Office, serving in Zone 8 in Jonesboro, Georgia, and is the proud  
24 mother of three children; and

25 WHEREAS, Deputy Shumaker has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding  
26 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her duties, and her efficient  
27 and effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by her peers; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
29 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Deputy Shumaker and all local  
30 law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
33 Deputy Yolanda Shumaker in carrying out the difficult duties of her vocation; extend to her  
34 sincere best wishes for a safe and healthy future; and invite her to be recognized by the  
35 House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House  
36 of Representatives.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deputy Yolanda Shumaker.