

## House Resolution 441

By: Representatives Knox of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Hamilton of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of David Paul (Bubba) Land and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David Paul (Bubba) Land was born on February 11, 1971, the fine son of Paul  
4 and Linda Land, brother to Shelly, and proud father of Taylor; and

5 WHEREAS, David realized his dream of being a police officer when, in March of 1990, he  
6 became an Atlanta police officer; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1992, he went to work for the Stone Mountain Police Department where he  
8 worked as an officer until being hired by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in December  
9 of 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, while working with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, David met Paula  
11 Shapiro, who was also working as a deputy with the Sheriff's Office, and in July of 2002,  
12 David and Paula were married in a storybook wedding at Walt Disney World in Orlando,  
13 Florida; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2003, David was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and returned  
15 to the uniform patrol; and

16 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2003, at approximately 1600 hours, Sgt. Land responded to a call  
17 for service regarding a fight in progress and as he was traveling west on Highway 20 (Buford  
18 Highway) on his motorcycle with lights and siren activated, a motorist turned left into his  
19 path and he was thrown from the motorcycle and received fatal injuries; and

20 WHEREAS, in May of 2004, Sgt. Land was placed on the Police Officer's Memorial Wall  
21 in Washington, D.C., by his family, friends, and brothers and sisters of the Forsyth County  
22 Sheriff's Office; and

23 WHEREAS, in December of 2007, David's brothers and sisters of the Fraternal Order of  
24 Police Lanier Lodge #82 voted and changed the lodge name to the Sgt. D. P. Land Memorial  
25 Lodge #82 in memory of David who served his community and was a friend to all; and

26 WHEREAS, Sgt. Land paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in the performance of his  
27 duties in the career that he loved and it is only fitting that a lasting memorial to honor his  
28 memory be established.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
30 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend Sgt. D. P. Land for his many years of  
31 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service and dedicate the bridge on SR 20  
32 over Haw Creek in Forsyth County, Georgia, as the Sgt. D. P. Land Memorial Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sgt. D. P. Land Memorial  
35 Bridge.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sgt. D. P.  
38 Land and to the Department of Transportation.