

House Resolution 98

By: Representative Powell of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Raleigh Durrett; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Lieutenant Raleigh Durrett on November 26, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durrett was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and
5 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication
6 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was employed by the Hart County Road Department in the 1970's and began
8 his career in law enforcement in 1987 as a correctional officer with the Department of
9 Corrections at Lee Arrendale State Prison; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durrett worked full-time at the Whitworth Parole Center for 22
11 years and part-time with the Hart County Sheriff's Department since 2001; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he assisted in training correctional officers and volunteered coaching detainees
13 in basketball and softball; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durrett was united in love and marriage to Mary Gwen Durrett and
15 was blessed with three remarkable children and four wonderful grandchildren; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
18 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durrett exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
20 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient

21 and effective commitment to excellence earned him the respect and admiration of his peers;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lieutenant Durrett will long be
27 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather,
28 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Raleigh Durrett
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant
34 Raleigh Durrett.