

## House Resolution 356

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1   Celebrating the life and memory of Chief Clarence Edgar "Butch" Chan; and for other
- 2   purposes.
  
- 3   WHEREAS, Chief Clarence Edgar "Butch" Chan, 65, passed away on Monday, August 30,
- 4   2010, on the final day of a Mediterranean cruise; and
  
- 5   WHEREAS, although born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he had resided in Savannah,
- 6   Georgia, since the age of three, and he was reared by his mother Emma Huger Chan and
- 7   step-father, Sandor Chung Chan; and
  
- 8   WHEREAS, he graduated from Savannah High School in 1963 and had his name changed
- 9   to Chan in honor of his step-father; and
  
- 10   WHEREAS, after a short stint in the Navy he worked at Fries Egg Company, Coastal News,
- 11   and Field's Ambulance Service before joining the Chatham County Police Department and
- 12   rising to the rank of Lieutenant; and
  
- 13   WHEREAS, from 1980 to 1986, he was employed as a special agent for CSX Railroad and
- 14   in 1986, he became Police Chief in Pooler, Georgia, a position he remained in until his death;
- 15   and
  
- 16   WHEREAS, he received degrees from Armstrong College, John Marshall Law School, FBI
- 17   National Academy, Police Command College, and Columbus University, and he recently
- 18   received his PhD from Capella University, and he was a criminal justice instructor at St. Leo
- 19   University; and
  
- 20   WHEREAS, in honor of his dedicated service to his community, the City of Pooler named
- 21   a road in his memory; and

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

25 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Laura Clark Chan, and was blessed with  
26 the support of his remarkable children, Peter and Jennifer Chan and Steven and Karla Chan,  
27 and six wonderful grandchildren, Dayton, Austin, Clark, Larson, Ameila, and Colson; and

28 WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, he leaves behind many others who will  
29 cherish his memory, including his sisters, Evelyn Ballard and Sandra Chan; his  
30 mother-in-law, Martha Clark; sisters and brothers in-law; and several nieces, nephews, and  
31 cousins; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Butch will long be remembered for his love  
33 of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, and friend will be missed  
34 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Chief Clarence Edgar  
37 "Butch" Chan and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Chief Clarence  
40 Edgar "Butch" Chan.