

House Resolution 582

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Meadows of the 5th, and Powell of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick D. Snellings, Jr.; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick D. Snellings, Jr., on January 8, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings was born on February 25, 1948, in LaGrange,
6 Georgia, a beloved son of the late Mr. Frederick Douglas Snellings, Sr., and Mrs. Goldie
7 Burton Snellings; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of East Depot High School, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings earned a
9 bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a master's degree from Brenau University
10 and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Marine Corps and began his professional career as a Georgia State Trooper; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings entered the FBI in 1983 as a special agent and
14 rose to the position of special agent in charge with the New York FBI Field Office, where
15 he was responsible for overseeing all criminal operations investigations with the bureau's
16 largest field office; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings was appointed deputy commissioner of
18 the Georgia Department of Public Safety, where he was highly regarded as a person of
19 unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings was an active
21 member of Olivet Church in Peachtree City, where he served as a deacon; and

22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings was united in love and marriage to his high school
23 sweetheart, Evelyn Jones Snellings, for 42 wonderful years and was blessed with two
24 remarkable children, Terrance and Latosha; and

25 WHEREAS, this 32 year veteran of public service exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
26 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and
27 he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates with his unyielding
28 service to this state and nation; and

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lieutenant Colonel Snellings will long be
33 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
34 will be missed 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 Lieutenant Colonel
37 Frederick D. Snellings, Jr., 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 Lieutenant
40 Colonel Frederick D. Snellings, Jr.