

Senate Resolution 566

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Herman Howard; 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 Sheriff Herman Howard on March 13, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Howard was born on September 29, 1939, a beloved son of Rosa
5 Marshall Howard and Jimmy Lee Howard; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Ruth Carter High School, Sheriff Howard's dream was to serve
7 in law enforcement, and he earned his POST certification from Columbus State University
8 Police Academy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a loyal servant to the citizens of Talbot County, serving on the
10 ambulance service and Talbot County City Council and as Chief of the Fire Department,
11 County Road Superintendent, and Chief Deputy Sheriff; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Howard made history in 2008 when he was elected as the first African
13 American to serve as Sheriff of Talbot County; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sheriff Howard was an active member of Bluff
15 Springs CME Church, where he served on the steward board; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Howard was united in love and marriage to the late Margaret V. Wilson
17 Howard on September 27, 1958, a union which was blessed with nine wonderful children;
18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, on July 22, 2002, Sheriff Howard married Hattie Hardison, and he gave
20 inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens,

21 and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were
22 admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, this career law enforcement officer exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
24 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and
25 he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates with his unyielding
26 service to this state; and

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

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Herman Howard and express their deepest
35 and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sheriff Herman Howard.