

House Resolution 916

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, Powell of the 29th, Huckaby of the 113th, Heard of the 114th, and Kaiser of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Officer Elmer "Buddy" Basco Christian III; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Officer Elmer "Buddy" Basco Christian III on March 22, 2011, who was
5 lost in the line of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Christian was a beloved son of Carolyn Roberts Christian and Elmer
7 "Bud" Basco Christian II, was the dear brother of Jason Christian, and earned the nickname
8 "Buddy" because he was a friend to everyone he met; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Madison County High School, Officer Christian was highly
10 regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
11 enforcement; and

12 WHEREAS, he joined the Athens-Clarke County Police Department in December, 2002, and
13 took a three year hiatus from law enforcement to work for the traffic engineering division of
14 the Athens-Clarke Transportation and Public Works Department before returning to police
15 work; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Officer Christian was an active member of
17 Hull Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, taught Sunday school, worked with the
18 Awana Children's Program, operated the sound equipment for the church, led a men's group,
19 and performed volunteer work; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Christian was united in love and marriage to Melissa Rutledge
21 Christian, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Callie and Wyatt; and

22 WHEREAS, a true servant to the community, Officer Christian was a member of the Hull
23 Volunteer Fire Department, where he also served as chaplain, and was a member of the
24 Athens-Clarke County Police Honor Guard; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, this law enforcement officer exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
29 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties,
30 earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates with his unyielding
31 service to this state; and

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

35 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Christian will long be remembered
36 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, brother, father, and friend
37 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Officer Elmer "Buddy"
40 Basco Christian III and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Officer Elmer
43 "Buddy" Basco Christian III.