

Senate Resolution 1207

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Ginn of the 47th and Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Senior Police Officer (SPO) Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian III on March
5 22, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, SPO Christian grew up in Madison County, Georgia, a beloved son of Bud and
7 Carolyn Christian; and

8 WHEREAS, SPO Christian was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
9 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
10 sound principles of law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, he joined the Athens-Clarke County Police Department in December of 2002
12 as a police officer and was promoted to Senior Police Officer in March of 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a member of the department's honor guard and had previously been
14 employed with the Athens-Clarke County Transportation and Public Works Department; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2011, SPO Christian paid the ultimate sacrifice when he was shot
16 and killed in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, he was posthumously honored with the Sherm Applebaum Award by the
18 Athens Rotary Club and the Red Cross Heroes Award by the American Red Cross East
19 Georgia Chapter in May of 2011, the Military Order of the Purple Heart in July of 2011,
20 Sworn Employee of the First Quarter of 2011 by the Athens-Clarke County Police
21 Department, and Sworn Employee of the Year for 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, his name will be added to the wall at the National Law Enforcement Memorial
23 in Washington, D.C., and the Georgia Law Enforcement Memorial in 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, SPO Christian was a faithful member and
25 deacon of Hull Baptist Church; and

26 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Melissa and through this union they were
27 blessed with two remarkable children, Callie and Wyatt; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, SPO Christian will long be remembered
29 for his devotion to public service, his commitment to law enforcement, and his love for
30 family and friends, and this loyal son, husband, father, and friend will be missed by all who
31 had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Senior Police Officer Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian
34 III and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Senior Police Officer Elmer
37 B. "Buddy" Christian III.