

## House Resolution 1878

By: Representatives Williams of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>, McKillip of the 115<sup>th</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Senior Police Officer  
34 Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian III and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his  
35 passing.

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