

House Resolution 2138

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Yates of the 73rd, and Knight of the 126th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Officer Bennie Eugene Reinhardt; 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 Officer Bennie Eugene Reinhardt on March 18, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Reinhardt was born on November 22, 1949, a beloved son of the late
5 Evelyn Bragg Hardeman and Bennie C. Reinhardt, Jr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Officer Reinhardt was highly regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and
7 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he joined the Locust Grove Police Department on October 6, 2002, and served
9 as a police officer for over nine years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he set an example of dedication to what the law enforcement profession is all
11 about and will always be remembered for his smile; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Officer Reinhardt was united in love and marriage to Sheila Anne Reinhardt,
13 and was blessed with two remarkable children, Gena Lynn and Kurt, and two wonderful
14 stepchildren, Shannon Houston and Stan Helton; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this law enforcement officer exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
19 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties,
20 earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates with his unyielding
21 service to this state; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Reinhardt will long be remembered
26 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father, and friend will be
27 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Officer Bennie Eugene
30 Reinhardt and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Officer Bennie
33 Eugene Reinhardt.