

House Resolution 2143

By: Representative Allison of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Deputy Sheriff Derrick Lee Whittle; 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 Deputy Sheriff Derrick Lee Whittle on September 18, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Whittle was born on April 11, 1973, in Tallahassee, Florida, a
6 beloved son of Jim and Sharon Whittle; and

7 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to
8 the sound principles of law enforcement; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his service as a deputy sheriff with the Union County Sheriff's Office
10 in March of 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, he was on the board of directors of the Blairsville Union County Chamber of
12 Commerce and Habitat for Humanity and was a lifetime member in the Circle of Excellence,
13 and he coached soccer, baseball, and football at the Union County Recreation Department;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Whittle was united in love and marriage to Karen and was
16 blessed with two remarkable children, Nicholas and Leigha; and

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

20 WHEREAS, this career law enforcement officer exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
21 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and

22 he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates with his unyielding
23 service to this state; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Sheriff Whittle will long be
28 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father, and
29 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Deputy Sheriff Derrick
32 Lee Whittle and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Deputy Sheriff
35 Derrick Lee Whittle.