

House Resolution 633

By: Representatives Golick of the 40<sup>th</sup> and Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Deputy Sheriff Brian Lamar Mahaffey; 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 Brian Lamar Mahaffey on May 8, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Mahaffey was killed in the line of duty when he and other deputies  
6 attempted to serve a warrant on a suspect wanted for rape, kidnaping, and aggravated assault  
7 and the suspect opened fire causing Deputy Mahaffey to sustain fatal injuries; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has been well served by this brave officer who paid the  
9 ultimate sacrifice with his life in order to protect and preserve the security and safety of its  
10 citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, all law enforcement officers of the State of Georgia bravely and selflessly risk  
12 their lives in order to protect the citizens they serve, performing their duties under all  
13 conditions and facing unknown hazards and dangers in an environment that seems  
14 increasingly hostile each and every day they go to work; and

15 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Justice it is estimated that up to 50 percent  
16 of all calls to the law enforcement are domestic violence related; and

17 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers have an extremely difficult and dangerous job when  
18 responding to domestic violence calls, and many officers believe that domestic violence calls  
19 present the greatest danger to not only the victim but also to the responding officer; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the danger of domestic violence situations for  
21 the victims and those that are called to serve arrest warrants and protection orders as well as  
22 protect and preserve the security and safety of its citizens and commends all of the men and

23 women of law enforcement who put their lives at risk each and every day, and wear their  
24 city, county, or state's law enforcement uniform to protect the citizens of their community  
25 and this great state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body humbly and proudly commend Deputy Sheriff Brian Lamar  
28 Mahaffey for his bravery, devotion to duty, and dedication to the citizens of Georgia and  
29 extend their most sincere sympathy to the family of this fallen hero.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Deputy Sheriff  
32 Brian Lamar Mahaffey.