

Senate Resolution 85

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th and Harbin of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Deputy Michael Andrew Norris; 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 Deputy Michael Andrew Norris on September 14, 2014, when he was
4 shot and killed in the line of duty; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris was born on January 5, 1990, in Upson County, Georgia, a
6 beloved son of Bennett and Fran Norris; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mary Persons High School in 2008 before studying criminal
8 justice at Gordon State College, where he earned his associate's degree; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris worked for two years as a jail officer for the sheriff's department
10 and served as a school resource officer at K. B. Sutton Elementary School for the 2013-2014
11 school year before transferring to the patrol division of the Monroe County Sheriff's
12 Department in June, 2014; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deputy Norris was an active member of
14 Culloden Primitive Baptist Church; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris was a member of PBA, the Boy Scouts of America, and Delta
16 Water Fowl; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Logan Norris and was blessed with loving
18 parents; grandparents, Edd and Jeanelle Norris and Franklin and Betty Pierson; a brother and
19 sister-in-law, Brandon and Charlotte Norris; and two nieces, Isabella and Sydney Norris; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris gave to others selflessly and always brought smiles to the faces
21 of those who knew him and helped people in need, expecting nothing in return; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, Deputy Michael Andrew Norris made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the
29 citizens of Monroe County and the State of Georgia when he was killed in the line of duty
30 on September 13, 2014, as he faithfully and bravely served as a Monroe County Sheriff's
31 Deputy; and

32 WHEREAS, in his final act of service, Deputy Norris donated all his organs so that they
33 might help others; and

34 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Michael Andrew Norris will long
35 be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband and friend will
36 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 join in honoring the life and memory of Deputy Michael Andrew Norris.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
41 Deputy Michael Andrew Norris.