

House Resolution 301

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, Atwood of the 179th, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Senior Police Officer Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian III and
2 dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
4 citizens with the passing of Senior Police Officer Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian III on March
5 22, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Christian grew up in Madison County, Georgia, a beloved son of Bud
7 and Carolyn Christian; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Christian was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and
9 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication
10 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, he worked with the Athens-Clarke County Transportation and Public Works
12 Department before joining the Athens-Clarke County Police Department in December of
13 2002 as a police officer; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Christian was promoted to Senior Police Officer in March of 2010 and
15 was a member of the department's honor guard; and

16 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2011, Officer Christian paid the ultimate sacrifice when he was
17 shot and killed in the line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, he was posthumously honored with the Sherm Applebaum Award by the
19 Athens Rotary Club, Red Cross Heroes Award by the American Red Cross East Georgia
20 Chapter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Sworn Employee of the First Quarter of 2011
21 by the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, and Sworn Employee of the Year for 2011;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, his name has been added to the wall at the National Law Enforcement
24 Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Georgia Law Enforcement Memorial; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments and
26 sacrifice of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge
27 in his memory.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on U.S. 78/State Route 10 Business over the
30 Middle Oconee River in Clarke County is dedicated as the Officer Buddy Christian
31 Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Officer Buddy Christian
34 Memorial Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Officer Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian and to the Department of Transportation.