

House Resolution 441

By: Representatives McGowan of the 138th, Rynders of the 152nd, Greene of the 151st, Welch of the 110th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Officer Jody Smith; 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 Jody Smith on December 8, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his law enforcement career at Georgia Southwestern University began in
5 August, 2016, and prior to joining the University force, he worked as a deputy sheriff with
6 the Sumter County Sheriff's Office in addition to serving as a part-time officer with the
7 Plains Police Department; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was an extremely dedicated law enforcement official who cared deeply about
9 the people he served; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Officer Smith's energetic personality and dedication to the community were
11 distinguished characteristics, and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him understood
12 his deep commitment to his community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the courageous and selfless response of Officer Smith was nothing short of
14 heroic, exemplifying the bravery and honor that law enforcement officers across the State of
15 Georgia and nationwide display every day; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Smith will long be remembered for
17 his love of family, extraordinary actions, and commitment to keeping the community safe,
18 and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Officer Jody Smith and
21 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 family of Officer Jody Smith.