

## House Resolution 450

By: Representatives Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup> and Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Major Gregory E. Barney; 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 Major Gregory E. Barney who was killed in the line of duty courageously  
4 protecting and serving the citizens of Riverdale, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Major Barney's career with the Riverdale Police Department spanned 25 years;  
6 his titles included sergeant, captain, and major, and he served as the first black chief in the  
7 city's history; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a very dedicated law enforcement official who cared deeply about the  
9 people he served and during his career; he had a special interest in helping the area youth  
10 stay out of trouble and on the straight and narrow; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Major Barney's charismatic personality and dedication to law enforcement  
12 made him an iconic figure in the community and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing  
13 him understood his deep commitment to Clayton County; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Major Gregory E. Barney will long be  
15 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and keeping the community safe and will be  
16 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Major Gregory E. Barney  
19 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
22 family of Major Gregory E. Barney.