

House Resolution 981

By: Representative Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chief Deputy William Frank Goss as Deputy Coroner of the
2 Year for the Georgia Coroners Association of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2017, Chief Deputy Coroner William Frank Goss was appointed interim
4 coroner of Lumpkin County by Governor Nathan Deal, after the previous coroner was
5 relieved of his duties for criminal conduct; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Goss willingly took on the role of interim coroner, managing the day
7 to day operations and caseload of the coroner's office without the assistance of a subordinate;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Goss worked day and night in order to singlehandedly restore the
10 integrity of the Lumpkin County Coroner's Office with a strong sense of professionalism and
11 by application of his knowledge, skills, and abilities; and

12 WHEREAS, leading the office during a difficult transitional period, with the added challenge
13 of rebuilding public trust, Deputy Goss exceeded all expectations; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Goss has always gone the extra mile for his community, and has
15 demonstrated what it means to be a faithful citizen of the State of Georgia; and he graciously
16 stepped back into the role of chief deputy coroner when a successor was named as coroner;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, there have never been any doubts as to Deputy Goss's commitment and ethical
19 practices, which public officials are charged with in order to uphold the standards of their
20 office; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the commitment, integrity, and passion
22 with which this exemplary citizen continues to serve his community be recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Chief Deputy William Frank Goss for his
25 exemplary work in Lumpkin County and for the honor of being named Deputy Coroner of
26 the Year for the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
29 Deputy William Frank Goss.