

House Resolution 1142

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Gravley of the 67th, and Lumsden of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Detective Kristen Snead Hearne; 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 Detective Kristen Snead Hearne; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Detective Kristen Snead Hearne was born on November 15, 1987, a beloved
5 daughter of Sidney Snead and Trish (Snead) Brewer and the only sister to three brothers and
6 one step-brother; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she grew up in Summerville, Georgia, before moving in 2002 with her mother
8 and youngest brother to Rockmart, Georgia, where she graduated from Rockmart High
9 School in 2006 and then on January 5, 2008, married the love of her life, Matt Hearne; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this devoted mother, wife, daughter, and sister began her career in law
11 enforcement at Floyd County Jail on March 3, 2008, and then later became deputy sheriff
12 with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on June 27, 2010; and
- 13 WHEREAS, feeling the draw back to her home roots, Kristen returned to Polk County in
14 July 2012 and began working patrol with the Polk County Police Department before entering
15 into the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective in 2013; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this brave and courageous officer of the law worked as an investigator with the
17 Polk County Police Department for four years until September 29, 2017, when tragedy
18 struck the family of this brave hero; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Detective Kristen Snead Hearne was the type of officer always willing to help
20 her brothers and sisters in blue, a trait she demonstrated on that fateful day when she
21 responded as backup to a stolen vehicle call. Upon arriving on the scene, she and her fellow

22 officer were ambushed by two suspects. This would prove to be Kristen's last call, as she
23 sustained multiple gunshot wounds that were fatal; and

24 WHEREAS, Detective Kristen Snead Hearne leaves behind a heartbroken family, consisting
25 of her husband, parents, step-parents, brothers, grandparents, and three-year-old son, Isaac;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Detective Kristen Snead Hearne served with honor and distinction in law
28 enforcement, striving for excellence in all of her endeavors; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Detective Kristen Snead Hearne will
30 long be remembered for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had
31 the great fortune of knowing her.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Detective Kristen Snead
34 Hearne and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Detective Kristen Snead Hearne.