

House Resolution 131

By: Representatives Jones of the 167th, Williams of the 168th, and Welch of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life, memory, and selfless service of Chief Francis Arlington McClelland, Jr.;

2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens

4 and law enforcement officers with the passing of Chief Francis Arlington McClelland, Jr.,

5 in the line of duty on September 15, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Francis Arlington McClelland, Jr., was born on August 6, 1949, in Jesup,

7 Georgia, a beloved son of Frank and Geraldine McClelland; and

8 WHEREAS, he served for four years as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with

9 the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans

10 during the Vietnam War; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Cindy, and was blessed with

12 three remarkable children, Signe, Frances, and Kathryn; and

13 WHEREAS, he put himself through Peace Officer Standards and Training and after

14 graduation in October, 1994, he began his career in law enforcement with the Liberty County

15 Sheriff's Office, where he remained until his retirement in 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, he returned to law enforcement as a part-time officer with the Ludowici Police

17 Department in 2016 and by 2017 was promoted to the position of Chief of Police of the

18 department; and

19 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who worked for excellence in

20 all of his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of

21 the City of Ludowici; and

22 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
23 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
24 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

25 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional exhibited extraordinary devotion to
26 duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his
27 duties; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Chief McClelland will long be remembered
29 for his service to this state and country and will be missed by all who had the great fortune
30 of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life, memory, and selfless service of Chief
33 Francis Arlington McClelland, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his
34 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 Chief Francis Arlington McClelland, Jr.