

Senate Resolution 352

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Robertson of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Officer James Neal Bowers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated
3 law enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Officer James Neal Bowers; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Bowers was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
5 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
6 sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a member of the Columbus Police
8 Department for seven years, and his life was tragically taken in the line of duty while he
9 heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities of his vocation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the event occurred when he responded to a robbery-in-progress at Majik Market
11 in Columbus, Georgia, and the shooter and the accomplice were apprehended, charged, and
12 sentenced to life in prison; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Officer Bowers exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
14 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

15 WHEREAS, survived by his wife and son, Officer Bowers recently passed the Bar and was
16 posthumously recognized during the law school graduation ceremony; and

17 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of
18 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement
19 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 join in honoring the life and memory of Officer James Neal Bowers and express their most
22 sincere condolences at his passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
25 Officer James Neal Bowers.