

House Resolution 797

By: Representatives Robichaux of the 48th, McLaurin of the 51st, Martin of the 49th, and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Joel Ruff; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
3 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Lieutenant Joel Ruff on February 3, 2022;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local
6 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
7 principles of law enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Roswell High School, Lieutenant Joel Ruff decided from a young
9 age to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and great-grandfather, beginning his law
10 enforcement career with the Roswell Police Explorers youth program at 17 years old; and

11 WHEREAS, after being sworn in as a police officer in 1998, he worked as a detention
12 officer, street patrol officer, and detective in the Criminal Investigation Division of Roswell,
13 where he assisted in multiple cases across the state and served alongside the FBI and DEA;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Joel Ruff is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his 4 children, Alexis,
16 Ariana, Landon, and Liam; and two grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Joel Ruff exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service,
18 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Joel Ruff and
24 express their most sincere condolences at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 family of Lieutenant Joel Ruff.