

House Resolution 717

By: Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and Collins of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson; 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 Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson on February 10, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson was born on February 5, 1966, in Atlanta,
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Robert "Bob" and Myrtice Thompson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a lifelong law enforcement officer, he began his distinguished career in 1986
7 with the Bowdon Police Department before serving as part of the Georgia State Patrol, where
8 he worked for 25 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson was an active
10 member of Bowdon Baptist Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Dawn, and was blessed with two
12 remarkable children, Krystle and Cory, as well as two wonderful grandchildren, Bry and
13 Mia; and

14 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
15 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
16 family and friends were admired by others; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson will long
21 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
22 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sgt. Terry "Poncho"
25 Thompson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson.