

House Resolution 459

By: Representative Welch of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Deputy Anthony Joseph "T.J." Freeman; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Deputy Anthony Joseph "T.J." Freeman who was killed in the line of duty
5 courageously protecting and serving the citizens of Bibb County; and

6 WHEREAS, he was an extremely dedicated law enforcement official who cared deeply about
7 the people he served; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Freeman had honorably served with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office
9 for seven years and was a member of the K-9 unit, the SWAT Team, and part of the Special
10 Investigations Unit; and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Freeman's charismatic personality and dedication to law enforcement
12 made him an iconic figure in the county and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him
13 understood his deep commitment to protecting the community; and

14 WHEREAS, described by his boss as a "deputy's deputy," the courageous and selfless
15 response by Deputy Freeman on May 5, 2016, was nothing short of heroic, exemplifying the
16 bravery and honor law enforcement officers across this state display every day; and

17 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Anthony Joseph "T.J." Freeman
18 will long be remembered for his love of family, extraordinary actions, commitment to
19 keeping the community safe, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
20 him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Deputy Anthony Joseph
23 "T.J." Freeman and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Deputy Anthony Joseph "T.J." Freeman.