

House Resolution 147

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Michael Justin Ward; 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 Michael Justin Ward on January 7, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Michael Justin Ward was born on January 17, 1981, in Gainesville, Georgia,
5 a beloved son of John and Barbara Ward; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Gainesville High School in 1999 and studied acting at
7 Northwestern University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, before performing professional theatre
8 in the outdoor drama, *Tecumseh*, in Chillicothe, Ohio, for three seasons; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Michael Justin Ward was passionate about reading, collecting comic books, and
10 spending time with his family and friends, especially his nephews, who called him "Uncle
11 Awesome"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Michael Justin Ward will be greatly missed by his parents; his brother, Matt
13 Ward; his fiancée, Faith Atkins; his nephews, Brady Ward and Brendan Atkins; and his
14 grandparents, Benny and Alba Bennett and Sue Ward; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Michael Justin Ward will long be
22 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, uncle, and friend will
23 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Michael Justin Ward and
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Michael Justin Ward.