

House Resolution 1500

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Abrams of the 89th, Smyre of the 135th, Randall of the 142nd, Fleming of the 121st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Van Peavy; 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 Sheriff Van Peavy on January 6, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Peavy was interested in law enforcement from the time of his discharge
5 from the United States Army, and he ran for Sheriff in 1984 and took office on January 1,
6 1985; and
- 7 WHEREAS, taking over a department that consisted of the Sheriff, two deputies, four
8 dispatchers who doubled as jailers, and one part-time deputy who doubled as a jailer, Sheriff
9 Peavy grew the department to more than 60 sworn and civilian personnel; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Peavy was available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, treated every
11 employee like family, had an open door policy for anyone who wished to speak with him,
12 and was always firm but fair and full of wisdom; and
- 13 WHEREAS, touching the lives of many, his impact on those around him and those who met
14 him is unsurpassable, and he will forever be missed by all who had the great pleasure of
15 knowing him.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Van Peavy and
18 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 family of Sheriff Van Peavy.