

House Resolution 230

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Ralston of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life and career of Captain Stanley Curtis Elrod; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Captain Stanley Curtis Elrod was born in Toccoa, Georgia, on December 1,
4 1970, a beloved son of Perry and Linda Elrod and brother of Stefanie Elrod: and

5 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Georgia
6 Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, where he also met his future wife Julie; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was hired and assigned by the Georgia Department of Natural
8 Resources as a game warden in Floyd County, Georgia, on January 1, 1993; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod immediately began fostering positive community relations and
10 public support for DNR and the State of Georgia through events such as the Three Rivers
11 Cleanup and Kids Fishing and through teaching hunter and boating education classes; and

12 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod transferred to White County in Northeast Georgia in 1995 and
13 continued his exemplary service to the citizens of Georgia through fair, vigorous law

14 enforcement and community involvement with events such as an annual kids fishing rodeo
15 and White County Junior Law Enforcement Academy; and

16 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was nominated, competed, and selected as the 1999 Game
17 Warden of the Year for the State of Georgia for his exemplary service as well as awarded the
18 Peace Officers Association of Georgia award for Meritorious Service in 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his core duties as a Georgia game warden, Captain Elrod was a
20 founding member of the DNR Honor Guard as well as the Georgia Ranger FOP Lodge #104,
21 serving as lodge president; and

22 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod served the State of Georgia FOP Lodge in numerous capacities,
23 advocating for law enforcement officers across the state; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2004, Captain Elrod began volunteering with the newly formed Outdoor
25 Dream Foundation (ODF), and over the next 16 years, he became a member of the ODF
26 board of directors, organized several fund-raising events, and participated in numerous
27 hunting and fishing excursions with critically sick children; and

28 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was a driving force behind the passage of Taylor's Law in 2012
29 that allows the Department of Natural Resources to grant special hunting privileges to
30 anyone 21 years or younger with a terminal illness, provided they have proper supervision
31 and follow the usual rules; and

32 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was serving as the supervisor for the DNR Law Enforcement
33 Division's North East Georgia Region at the time of his passing; and

34 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was supported daily by his wife of 27 years Julie and their two
35 sons, Levi and Luke; and

36 WHEREAS, Captain Elrod was struck and killed while on duty by a impaired driver on
37 September 3, 2020, in Madison County, Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
39 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life
40 through selfless sacrifice, he made this world a better place in which to live.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize and join in honoring the life and memory of Captain
43 Stanley Curtis Elrod and express their deepest and most sincere regret of his passing.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 family of Captain Stanley Curtis Elrod.