

House Resolution 391

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard Joseph "Joey" Halford and inviting his family
2 members to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Richard Joseph "Joey" Halford on November 3, 2012, while engaged in
5 his passion, serving the citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, as a helicopter pilot; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born on September 14, 1964, a beloved son of Mattie Frances Edmonds
7 and Carl Earl Halford; and

8 WHEREAS, after his family relocated to Columbus, Georgia, he attended Mother Mary
9 Catholic School and later graduated from Hardaway High School in 1982; and he
10 matriculated at the Tuskegee Institute, majoring in business administration; and

11 WHEREAS, he began his commitment to the Atlanta Police Department in 1986, and with
12 the support of his uncle, Milton E. Dodson, Jr., and family friends Major Herman Griner and
13 Detective James Stewart, he completed the Police Academy in 1987; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard began his 26 year tenure at Zone 4 Precinct and later served in the DUI
15 Task Force and Motorcycle Unit, and in 1996, he joined the Aviation Unit; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member at St. Anne's
17 Catholic Church in Marietta, Georgia, and could always be found in uniform at mass on
18 Sunday mornings; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard was united in love and marriage to Vivian Harris, and they were
20 blessed with a remarkable daughter, Gabrielle Bijon Halford; and

21 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, daughter, parents, a brother and sister, and a host of
22 other family members and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Richard will long be remembered for his
24 love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
25 knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Richard Joseph "Joey"
28 Halford, express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing, and invite members of
29 his family to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated
30 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Richard
33 Joseph "Joey" Halford.