

House Resolution 568

By: Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Hightower of the 68th, Bruce of the 61st, Alexander of the 66th, and Jones of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Captain Herb Emory and inviting Mrs. Karen Emory, Sheriff Phil
2 Miller, Deputy Chief Stan Copeland, Lt. Glenn Daniel, Lt. Elmer Horn, Chairman Tom
3 Worthan, Chief Chris Womack, Mayor Harvey Persons, Chief Joe Whisenant, Clark Howard,
4 Mark Arum, Doug Turnbull, Mark McKay, Pete Spriggs, Ashley Frasca, Jason Durden, Kim
5 McCarthy, Sheriff Gary Gulledge, and Roger Leggett to be recognized by the House of
6 Representatives; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, Captain Herb Emory was born on April 2, 1953, in Transylvania County, North
8 Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Herb moved to Atlanta in 1971 to attend the Atlanta School of
10 Broadcasting and National School of Broadcasting and began serving as a traffic reporter in
11 Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Captain Herb worked with numerous local radio stations,
13 including WSNE of Cumming, WDGL of Douglasville, WFOM of Marietta, WACX of
14 Austell, WQXI-AM, 94 Q-Star 94, and Georgia Network News; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1991 Captain Herb moved to WSB Radio and *Channel 2 Action News*, where
16 he initiated and helped build the traffic team system and infrastructure, including the
17 concepts of "Red Alerts" and "Triple Team Traffic" which countless Atlanta commuters grew
18 to rely upon for accuracy and up-to-the-minute traffic advisories; and

19 WHEREAS, Captain Herb's commitment to helping Atlanta's drivers navigate traffic with
20 ease is evident by his numerous awards and accolades, including at least 15 First Place
21 Awards, including two Green Eyeshades, for news and traffic reports from the Georgia
22 Associated Press Association, and his induction into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame in
23 2008; and

24 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to the great love of his life, Karen, and the
25 happy couple was blessed with more than 24 years of marriage; and

26 WHEREAS, his generosity of spirit and compassion for others was also widely recognized
27 as he hosted the annual Toys for Tots fundraiser at Fred's Barbeque House in Lithia Springs,
28 volunteered with the Douglas County Boys and Girls Club, was a dedicated member of the
29 Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board, served on the Friends of Sweetwater Creek
30 State Park Board of Directors, and raised awareness against drinking and driving; and

31 WHEREAS, Captain Herb passed away on April 12, 2014, doing what he did best—helping
32 others, and his presence and work has been sorely missed by the Atlanta community; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
34 gratitude for the life's work of this Atlanta icon by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Captain Herb Emory and
37 invite Mrs. Karen Emory, Sheriff Phil Miller, Deputy Chief Stan Copeland, Lt. Glenn Daniel,
38 Lt. Elmer Horn, Chairman Tom Worthan, Chief Chris Womack, Mayor Harvey Persons,
39 Chief Joe Whisenant, Clark Howard, Mark Arum, Doug Turnbull, Mark McKay, Pete
40 Spriggs, Ashley Frasca, Jason Durden, Kim McCarthy, Sheriff Gary Gulledge, and Roger
41 Leggett to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined
42 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
45 Mrs. Karen Emory, Sheriff Phil Miller, Deputy Chief Stan Copeland, Lt. Glenn Daniel, Lt.
46 Elmer Horn, Chairman Tom Worthan, Chief Chris Womack, Mayor Harvey Persons, Chief
47 Joe Whisenant, Clark Howard, Mark Arum, Doug Turnbull, Mark McKay, Pete Spriggs,
48 Ashley Frasca, Jason Durden, Kim McCarthy, Sheriff Gary Gulledge, and Roger Leggett.