

House Resolution 609

By: Representative Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Corporal Jerry A. Parrish; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Corporal Jerry A. Parrish has served with honor and distinction for more than  
3 23 years as part of the Georgia State Patrol, where he works as the first SWAT K-9 handler  
4 selected to the patrol's SWAT Team; and

5 WHEREAS, on January 18, 2023, while helping conduct a clearing operation at the site of  
6 Atlanta's planned public safety training center, he suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen  
7 from a protester, which he thankfully survived following surgery and intensive care; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Jerry A. Parrish strives for excellence in all of his endeavors and his  
9 primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local  
11 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration  
12 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion  
14 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail; and

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15 WHEREAS, Corporal Jerry A. Parrish's efficient and effective commitment to excellence has  
16 been recognized by his peers through the many decorations and awards he has received,  
17 including the 2003 Deputy of the Year award, the GOHS Award, and the NHTSA Award;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of  
20 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and  
23 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the  
24 citizens of this state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
27 exhibited by Corporal Jerry A. Parrish in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation;  
28 express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the  
29 meaning of public servant; and extend best wishes for future health and safety.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Corporal Jerry A. Parrish.