

House Resolution 674

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carson of the 46th, Scoggins of the 14th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Director Phillip W. Price; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in 1974, Director Phillip W. Price began his law enforcement career as a police
3 officer with the City of Canton Police Department; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1976, Director Price became a radio operator with the Georgia State Patrol;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in 1978, Director Price became a special agent with the Georgia Bureau of
7 Investigation (GBI). Director Price worked in every county in the State of Georgia, where
8 he primarily investigated homicides, public corruption, missing persons, and officer involved
9 shootings. Director Price found a passion for drug investigations, realizing the negative
10 impact drugs were having on every community in the nation. Director Price worked as a drug
11 investigator, working large-scale drug trafficking and smuggling operations that took him all
12 over the country. Director Price became a subject matter expert in locating and dismantling
13 clandestine labs. Director Price taught and certified law enforcement officers throughout the
14 country and internationally in conducting safe clan lab operations. Director Price promoted
15 through the ranks within the GBI. Director Price took pride in encouraging his agents to
16 become exceptional investigators, model citizens, and better people for their families.

17 Director Price served as the assistant special agent in charge for the Region 1 Office in
18 Calhoun and as the special agent in charge of the Intelligence Division and the Canton
19 Regional Drug Enforcement Office prior to his retirement in 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2010, Director Price came out of retirement to lead the Cherokee
21 Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) as it transitioned away from a GBI managed Drug
22 Task Force. Director Price has always led from the front, making decisions to move CMANS
23 forward by enhancing CMANS' ability to be successful. Director Price championed the
24 creation of an Intelligence Division within CMANS, enhancing the task force's ability to
25 target and disrupt major drug violators all over Georgia and throughout United States. In
26 2018, Director Price along with the leadership of Sheriff Frank Reynolds and Sheriff Donnie
27 Craig created a partnership to integrate CMANS operations within Pickens County. In 2021,
28 the CMANS office was renamed in his honor to the Phillip W. Price Drug Enforcement
29 Office; and

30 WHEREAS, Director Price is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over 47 years
31 of honorable service. Director Price's leadership, passion, vision, commitment to excellence,
32 and service to the community are the cornerstones of the Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics
33 Squad and will serve as Director Price's legacy; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication
38 exhibited by Director Phillip W. Price in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and

39 express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the
40 meaning of public servant.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Director Phillip W. Price.