

## House Resolution 741

By: Representatives Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Crowe of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Hogan of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Hopson of the 153<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Concerns of Police Survivors; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) provides resources to help  
4 rebuild the shattered lives of those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty, leaving  
6 family and friends behind to cope with the tragic loss; and

7 WHEREAS, originally chartered on November 16, 1996, under the name of North Georgia  
8 Concerns of Police Survivors, the Georgia chapter served survivors from Macon to  
9 Tennessee before expanding resources statewide and renaming the chapter to Georgia  
10 Concerns of Police Survivors on February 26, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia C.O.P.S. consists entirely of volunteers who dedicate their time and  
12 resources on fundraising, donations, and sponsors in order to provide financial assistance to  
13 first-year surviving family members to attend National Police Week in Washington, D.C.,  
14 to pay tribute and honor their deceased officer; and

15 WHEREAS, through hands-on programs, peer support, training, conferences, scholarships,  
16 and counseling, Georgia C.O.P.S. helps surviving family members and co-workers get  
17 through the process of grief and coping; and

18 WHEREAS, C.O.P.S.' inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding  
19 example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and  
20 well-being of others; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and  
22 often unheralded contributions of Georgia C.O.P.S. on behalf of the citizens of this state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Concerns of Police Survivors  
25 as they work diligently to aid shattered families of fallen officers.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Georgia Concerns of Police Survivors.