

Senate Resolution 645

By: Senator Albers of the 56th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Joel Ruff; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
3 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Lieutenant Joel Ruff on February 3, 2022;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local  
6 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound  
7 principles of law enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a member of the Roswell Police  
9 Department for more than 20 years, and his life was tragically taken in the line of duty while  
10 he heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities of his vocation; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Joel Ruff exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service,  
12 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

13 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of  
14 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement  
15 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Joel Ruff and express their most sincere  
18 condolences at his passing.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
21 Lieutenant Joel Ruff.