

CHRISTOPHER R. BETTS

WHEREAS: On April 7, 1987, House Bill 522 was signed into law designating May 15th of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Georgia in accordance with the national law; and

WHEREAS: Peace officers play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the citizens of our state understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of our peace officers and express gratitude for the services they provide; and

WHEREAS: On May 7, 2003, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council will hold a ceremony honoring Christopher R. Betts who died in the line of duty on December 22, 2002. It is fitting and appropriate for the citizens of Georgia to pay tribute; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby join in paying tribute to Officer Betts for his sacrifices and contributions which serve as an inspiration to all, and do further extend my sincere prayers that God will bless his family with great strength and love as they hold him in remembrance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

