

## House Resolution 1096

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and  
2 commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol exists to honor this state's  
4 law enforcement officers for putting their lives on the line every day and to commend them  
5 for everything they do; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers are highly trained professionals who work  
7 overtime to ensure the safety of our communities and whose duties primarily involve the  
8 enforcement of laws, protecting life & property, keeping the peace, and other public safety  
9 related duties; and

10 WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff is the oldest law enforcement office known throughout  
11 history; sheriffs are duly elected constitutional officers and the only lawfully commissioned  
12 chief law enforcement officers in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Police Departments provide police services in the State of Georgia that  
14 are aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, a reduced fear of crime,  
15 an improved quality of life, and an improved police legitimacy through a proactive reliance

16 on community resources that seeks to minimize crime-causing conditions and ensures that  
17 all Georgia citizens are served in a professional, ethical, and equitable manner by  
18 establishing strong commitments with all segments of society based on trust and positive,  
19 professional relationships; and

20 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers from Georgia's state agencies, including the Georgia  
21 State Patrol, Capitol Police, DNR, GBI, and other law enforcement agencies, work  
22 cooperatively to enhance public safety by enforcing traffic laws and traffic investigations;  
23 providing assistance in areas of criminal investigations and forensic laboratory services;  
24 responding to natural disasters; enforcing hunting laws and boating safety; and many other  
25 areas that support the overall mission of crime prevention and public safety for the citizens  
26 of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Wall was dedicated to honor these brave  
28 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting life and property in the  
29 proud tradition of the public safety services; and

30 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day as they  
31 serve with honor, courage, dignity, and concern for their fellow citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation  
34 Day at the Capitol and commend law enforcement officers in Georgia for protecting our  
35 communities and for putting their lives on the line every day.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 Georgia law enforcement officers.