

House Resolution 1312

By: Representative Talton of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Houston County Sheriff Cullen Talton for his service to the
2 State of Georgia and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Cullen Talton has served honorably and with distinction as Sheriff of
5 Houston County and as one of 159 members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association since
6 January 1, 1973; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout his career as Sheriff of Houston County, Sheriff Talton has been an
8 active member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes which has
9 provided safe and wholesome homes for many thousands of Georgia's abused, abandoned,
10 and neglected children since its beginning in 1959; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Talton's dedication to children in need remains evident through his
12 continued participation as a member of this important governing board and for his local
13 fund-raising efforts in which he and his many supporters in the Houston County area have
14 raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for many deserving children over the past few
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a recipient of the Liberty Bell Award, which is given by bar associations
17 across the United States to recognize special people in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, a native of Bonaire, Georgia, Sheriff Talton has served 29 years as Sheriff of
19 Houston County and six years as county commissioner; and

20 WHEREAS, while serving his community as a law enforcement officer, he has also
21 maintained a personal life that deems recognition as well; and

22 WHEREAS, Sheriff Talton married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Sears, with whom he
23 raised four children, Carline, Pattie, Cully, and Neal; and

24 WHEREAS, as a devout member of Bonaire United Methodist Church, keeping his faith as
25 the focal point of his life has been a top priority; and

26 WHEREAS, Sheriff Talton is a member of many civic organizations and has received an
27 abundance of awards for his civic work over the past 35 years; and

28 WHEREAS, he is member of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the National Sheriffs'
29 Association, and his pet project is serving on the board of the Georgia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch
30 in Hahira; and

31 WHEREAS, Sheriff Talton has been honored as Georgia Sheriff of the Year and has received
32 the Warner Robins/Houston County Chamber of Commerce Good Government Service
33 Award; and

34 WHEREAS, he serves as a board member of the State of Georgia Department of Corrections
35 and is chairman of the board of Security Bank in Houston County; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Houston County Sheriff Cullen Talton for
40 his service to the State of Georgia and invite him to be recognized by the House of
41 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Houston County Sheriff
45 Cullen Talton.