

House Resolution 1650

By: Representative Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Stevie Thomas on his outstanding public service as
2 Sheriff of Franklin County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Stevie Thomas was born on April 7, 1960, to the late Oscar and Myrtle
4 Thomas of Canon, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has been a lifelong citizen of Franklin County and a man who loves everyone
6 he comes in contact with; and

7 WHEREAS, he is compassionate, courageous, sincere, humble, diligent, generous and one
8 of a kind; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement with the Elberton Police Department,
10 where he completed basic law enforcement training and worked from April 1980 through
11 November 1981; and

12 WHEREAS, he served with the Royston Police Department a short period of time, and the
13 Lavonia Police Department from 1982 to 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, he has served with the Franklin County E-911 and with the Canon Police
15 Department, where he served as chief, and he attended Sheriff Elect School in 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department since March 11,
17 1986, and he took office as Sheriff on January 1, 2005, and is currently serving his fifth term;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he oversees approximately 74 employees; a jail with a capacity of 70 with some
20 40-50 inmates housed at other agencies; approximately 23,785 Franklin County citizens; and
21 approximately 22 miles of Interstate 85; and

22 WHEREAS, he completed his Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) certification in 1983
23 and began working for Franklin County Emergency Medical Services until 2004 when he
24 was elected sheriff; and

25 WHEREAS, he is involved with the Volunteer Fire Department, Eastern Star, Lavonia
26 Masonic Lodge #241, where he was Past Master, Commandery Council, and Royal Arch;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, he was part of the National Highway Safety Committee and the National
29 Homeland Security Committee for 15 years, and was National Law Enforcement Challenge
30 FCSO first in the nation in 2011; and

31 WHEREAS, he is married to Tina, and they had two children, the late Steven LaCruz "Cruz"
32 Thomas and daughter, Desiree; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Sheriff Stevie Thomas for his efficient,
37 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
38 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
39 continued health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
42 Sheriff Stevie Thomas.