

## House Resolution 60

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and Burchett of the 176<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith served 54 years in law enforcement  
3 starting with the Savannah Police Department before returning to his native home of Keller,  
4 Georgia, where he continued his law enforcement career in 1991 as a deputy with the Bryan  
5 County Sheriff's Office; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1994, he was elected as sheriff in Bryan County, Georgia, where he  
7 continued his service on the front lines in the battle against crime and illegal drugs and  
8 worked closely with the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and United  
9 States Drug Enforcement Agency investigating Operation Pipeline cases; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his office seized millions of dollars and countless amounts of illegal narcotics  
11 while conducting concentrated patrols on Interstate 95 and Interstate 16 in Bryan County,  
12 Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has provided operational and logistical support to Bryan County Family  
14 Connection, a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative, Bryan County Senior Citizen

15 Services, and the Bryan Prevention and Recovery Project, actively supporting the citizens  
16 of Bryan County and Southeast Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, since 2011, he has provided operational and logistical support to the Georgia  
18 Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, serving as a  
19 member of the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and participating in the  
20 arrests of more than 60 suspects of cyber enticement, child pornography, and the commercial  
21 sexual exploitation of children; and

22 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedication to fighting crime throughout this state and  
23 nation, he has hosted FBI National Academy Training on Interviews and Interrogations for  
24 local, state, and federal law enforcement officers and actively supported the FBI National  
25 Academy; and

26 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2021, Sheriff Smith retired from his office after serving over 26  
27 years as sheriff of Bryan County, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, Sheriff Smith continues to be a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Dorothy,  
29 and a devoted father to their children; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity  
31 the outstanding accomplishments of this dedicated lawman.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith and commend him  
34 for his exemplary service to the State of Georgia and the United States.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith.