

Senate Resolution 1174

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Harper of the 7th, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Representative Bill Hitchens, recipient of the Peace Officers' Association of
2 Georgia's 2015 Arthur Hutchins Memorial Award for Meritorious Service; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Bill Hitchens has tirelessly and courageously been an advocate
5 for more than 7,000 members of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia and the entire
6 law enforcement profession; and

7 WHEREAS, he is known for his many titles, including Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran,
8 Coast Guard Commander, Director of Georgia Homeland Security, Commissioner of the
9 Georgia Department of Public Safety and Colonel of the State Patrol, Georgia State
10 Representative, Georgia FBI National Academy Associates Past President, and Peace
11 Officers' Association of Georgia President; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Hitchens has been an active member of the Peace Officers'
13 Association of Georgia since 1969, and without his steadfast determination to resolve a legal
14 battle with the Internal Revenue Service during his time as president, the Peace Officers'
15 Association of Georgia would have ceased to exist years ago; and

16 WHEREAS, for his service to law enforcement and the military, some of his most notable
17 accolades are the Outstanding Leader of the Year Award for State Government and the
18 University System, Georgia Military Citizen of the Year Award, Savannah-Chatham
19 Metropolitan Police Officer of the Year Award, T. Malone Sharpe Memorial Award,
20 Governor's Public Safety Award, Georgia State Patrol's Meritorious Service Award for his
21 actions during and after the Centennial Park bombing, and Georgia Chapter of the FBI
22 National Academy Associates Member of the Year Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Hitchens has exemplified the utmost qualities of dedication,
24 leadership, ethics, and service, and his role throughout the entire state is one that has been
25 and continues to be invaluable.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Representative Bill Hitchens, recipient of the Peace Officers' Association of
28 Georgia's 2015 Arthur Hutchins Memorial Award for Meritorious Service, for his many
29 years of dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Representative
32 Bill Hitchens.