

Senate Resolution 295

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 6, 2017, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the state capitol and
2 commending certified peace officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the state capitol exists to honor this
4 state's highly trained and professional certified peace officers for putting their lives on the
5 line every day and to commend them for everything they do; and

6 WHEREAS, there are approximately 54,000 certified peace officers in the State of Georgia,
7 with 14,000 working for state agencies, approximately 40,000 working as local officers with
8 about 18,000 officers employed by sheriffs' offices as deputy sheriffs and jail officers,
9 and 22,000 officers working at police departments; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia certified peace officers are highly trained professionals who must
11 complete training that includes classroom-based lectures and practical skills building
12 sessions, and other advanced training courses in order to specialize in specific sections, such
13 as criminal investigations, legal development, and organizational development; and

14 WHEREAS, certified peace officers from Georgia's state agencies, with the utmost
15 professionalism, work cooperatively to enhance public safety by enforcing traffic laws and
16 traffic investigations, providing assistance in areas of criminal investigations and forensic
17 laboratory services, responding to natural disasters, enforcing hunting laws and boating
18 safety, and supporting the overall mission of crime prevention and public safety for the
19 citizens of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, in Georgia's history, we have lost 699 officers in the line of duty, and just
21 within the past year, we lost nine of those officers; and

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

25 WHEREAS, Georgia certified peace officers put their lives on the line every day as they
26 serve with honor, courage, dignity, and concern for their fellow citizens.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize March 6, 2017, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the state capitol and
29 commend certified peace officers in Georgia for protecting our communities and for putting
30 their lives on the line every day.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia certified
33 peace officers.