

Senate Resolution 668

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and
2 commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol exists to honor this state's
4 law enforcement officers for putting their lives on the line every day and to commend them
5 for everything they do; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers are highly trained professionals who work
7 overtime to ensure the safety of our communities and whose duties primarily involve the
8 enforcement of laws, protecting life & property, keeping the peace, and other public safety
9 related duties; and

10 WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff is the oldest law enforcement office known throughout
11 history; sheriffs are duly elected constitutional officers and the only lawfully commissioned
12 chief law enforcement officers in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Police Departments provide police services in the State of Georgia that
14 are aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, a reduced fear of crime,
15 an improved quality of life, and an improved police legitimacy through a proactive reliance

16 on community resources that seeks to minimize crime-causing conditions and ensures that
17 all Georgia citizens are served in a professional, ethical, and equitable manner by
18 establishing strong commitments with all segments of society based on trust and positive,
19 professional relationships; and

20 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers from Georgia's state agencies, including the Georgia
21 State Patrol, Capitol Police, DNR, GBI, and other law enforcement agencies, work
22 cooperatively to enhance public safety by enforcing traffic laws and traffic investigations;
23 providing assistance in areas of criminal investigations and forensic laboratory services;
24 responding to natural disasters; enforcing hunting laws and boating safety; and many other
25 areas that support the overall mission of crime prevention and public safety for the citizens
26 of Georgia; and

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

30 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day as they
31 serve with honor, courage, dignity, and concern for their fellow citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize February 22, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and
34 commend law enforcement officers in Georgia for protecting our communities and for
35 putting their lives on the line every day.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia law
38 enforcement officers.