

Senate Resolution 17

By: Senator Hooks of the 14<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending James Hunt Yancey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, James Hunt Yancey is a native of Americus, Georgia, who is well known in law  
3 enforcement circles throughout the state for his distinguished career as a peace officer and  
4 respected administrator; and

5 WHEREAS, he began his police career in 1970 with the Fort Valley Police Department and  
6 the Peach County Sheriff's Office and quickly worked his way up to the rank of Major in  
7 charge of investigations, and he resigned at the age of 32 to become the youngest Police  
8 Chief in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he spent some time as a law enforcement ranger with the Georgia Department  
10 of Natural Resources and returned to the Fort Valley Police Department where he started the  
11 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in the Peach County school system; and

12 WHEREAS, he became involved in the DARE program statewide, attended the first DARE  
13 training in Georgia, was named Crime Prevention Officer of the Year in 1990 due to his  
14 leadership in this program, and later became the GBI Trainer for officers in the program; and

15 WHEREAS, he served as President of the Georgia DARE Officers Association and was  
16 appointed to the state board, and throughout his long and successful career he has influenced  
17 countless law enforcement officers and his presence will be sorely missed.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 recognize and commend James Hunt Yancey for his excellent law enforcement career.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James Hunt Yancey.