

House Resolution 386

By: Representatives Mosley of the 171st and Byrd of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending William Roy Thornton, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William Roy Thornton, Sr., was named Officer of the Year 2000 by the Jesup
3 Police Department in recognition of his outstanding performance as a law enforcement
4 officer and his exceptional dedication and integrity; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on August 2, 1943, and raised in Wayne County, Georgia, where
6 his family can trace its roots back for approximately 200 years; and he married Myrtle
7 Jeanette Ring, his high school sweetheart, on March 29, 1963, and they are the proud parents
8 of three adult children who are a source of great joy; and

9 WHEREAS, he became a police officer with the Jesup Police Department on July 11, 1983,
10 was promoted to Corporal on September 1, 1986, was promoted to Sergeant on July 1, 1988,
11 and was a shift sergeant until January 4, 1993, when he was transferred to the Drug
12 Detectives Division, where he trained at the Global Training Academy in San Antonio,
13 Texas, and worked in the Drug Detectives Division from January, 1993, until July 1, 1999,
14 when he returned to the important position of training new officers with the department; and

15 WHEREAS, his tremendous experience, knowledge, and commitment to law enforcement
16 earned him the admiration and respect of his peers and the trust of his superiors, and it is
17 most fitting that this distinguished officer be appropriately honored.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 this body recognizes and commends William Roy Thornton, Sr., as the Jesup Police
20 Department Officer of the Year 2000 and express to him their heartiest congratulations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sgt. William Roy Thornton,
23 Sr.