

House Resolution 2205

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, and Williams of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Victor K. Hill and Chief Tee Cassells for heroic efforts above and
2 beyond the call of duty during Hurricane Katrina; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, Clayton County
4 Sheriff Victor K. Hill participated in a major outreach effort to provide assistance to those
5 victims that arrived in Clayton County; and

6 WHEREAS, when Representative Roberta Abdul-Salaam issued the urgent *Call to Prayer -*
7 *Call to Action*, Sheriff Victor Hill and Chief Tee Cassells responded immediately and
8 participated in a county-wide conference call; and

9 WHEREAS, recognizing that hundreds of victims had found their way to Clayton County
10 seeking assistance, Sheriff Hill offered to provide shelter in one of his empty facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hill and his staff participated in county-wide relief efforts providing a
12 drop-off site for citizens to donate clothing, food, toiletries, and other necessities, and

13 WHEREAS, when several of the victims were housed at a local church, under the
14 coordination of Chief Cassells, Sheriff Hill donated food, cooks, and servers to prepare
15 Sunday dinner at the church; the choir from the Sheriff's Department sang and uplifted the
16 spirits of the evacuee families; and Sheriff Hill gave greatly of his time playing with the
17 children and making each of them honorary "Junior Deputies;" and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to their no-nonsense crime-fighting nature, Sheriff Hill and Chief
19 Cassells demonstrated real courage and human dignity by providing a little hope and help to
20 families suffering a human tragedy; and

21 WHEREAS, both leaders spent a great deal of time talking to and ministering to the families;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, the massive relief effort undertaken by all who participated will forever be
2 remembered along with how everyone pulled together to help one another; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the hundreds of evacuees who received assistance are
4 grateful to Sheriff Hill and Chief Cassells, and therefore, it is fitting and proper that their
5 extraordinary service be appropriately recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join in commending Sheriff Victor K. Hill and Chief Tee Cassells
8 for heroic efforts above and beyond the call of duty during Hurricane Katrina and thank him
9 for this unprecedented join effort.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Sheriff Victor K. Hill and
12 Chief Tee Cassells.