

House Resolution 1690

By: Representative Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel Don Chastain; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Don Chastain was employed as a Trooper Cadet with the Georgia Department  
3 of Public Safety on October 1, 1975, and on June 1, 1976, he graduated from the 48th  
4 Trooper School as president of the class, and was promoted to Trooper First Class on June  
5 1, 1978; and

6 WHEREAS, he continued his career with the State Patrol, being promoted to Corporal in  
7 1982; to Sergeant in 1983; to Sergeant First Class in 1986, assigned as Post Commander of  
8 Post 8 in Madison, Georgia; to Lieutenant in 1992, assigned to serve as Assistant Troop  
9 Commander in Troop H; to Captain in 1999, assigned to serve as Troop I Commander, later  
10 transferring to serve as Troop E Commander; to Major in 2003, serving as North Division  
11 Adjutant; to Commanding Officer of the Georgia State Patrol in 2005, overseeing the Field  
12 Operations, Aviation, SWAT, and SCRT; and in 2007, he was named Deputy Commissioner  
13 of the Department of Public Safety, overseeing the command of the Field Operations,  
14 Support Services, Capitol Police Services, and Motor Carrier Compliance Divisions; and

15 WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments include graduating from Georgia Southern  
16 University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, graduating from Columbus State  
17 University with a Master of Public Administration, attending the 165th FBI National  
18 Academy, graduating from the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, attending the  
19 Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program with Israel, and receiving  
20 Department Valor, Lifesaving, and Purple Heart awards, and he has served as an original  
21 member of the Georgia State Patrol SWAT Team and as SWAT Team Leader from 1989  
22 through 1994; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Chastain has balanced his career with community activities,  
24 serving as an active member and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Social  
25 Circle, participating in mission work in West Virginia, volunteering at Camp Twin Lakes,

1 and speaking every six weeks since November 1994 at Penfield Christian Homes leading  
2 many young men to the saving knowledge of Christ; and

3 WHEREAS, he is devoted to his wife Hollie, children Scott, Derek, and Heather, and  
4 grandchildren Haley and Will; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, Lieutenant Colonel Don Chastain served as  
6 a loyal and dedicated trooper known for his leadership, integrity, work ethic, and  
7 compassion; and

8 WHEREAS, committed to the mission of the Department of Public Safety, he has worked  
9 tirelessly above and beyond the call of duty.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body join together to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Don Chastain and  
12 commend him on his outstanding and exemplary career in law enforcement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Don  
15 Chastain.