

Senate Resolution 1305

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Chance of the 16th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Sheriff John Cary Bittick on being the recipient of the  
2 National Sheriffs' Association Ferris E. Lucas National Sheriff of the Year award for 2008;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sheriff John Cary Bittick entered law enforcement in 1972 as a radio operator  
5 with the Monroe County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office, before serving as a deputy sheriff with  
6 the agency; and

7 WHEREAS, John Cary Bittick became sheriff of Monroe County in 1982, succeeding his  
8 father, L. Cary Bittick, and continuing a long tradition of law enforcement in the Bittick  
9 family that began in the early 1900's with the Bitticks having served as sheriff of the county  
10 since 1921, with the exception of two terms; and

11 WHEREAS, his grandfather served as sheriff for 30 years, his father for 22 years, and Sheriff  
12 Bittick is now in his 26th as sheriff of Monroe County, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Bittick has remained active in law enforcement associations, having  
14 served as President of the National Sheriffs' Association, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association,  
15 and the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes. Sheriff Bittick is a former member of the Georgia  
16 State Board of Children and Youth, remains active with both state and national sheriffs'  
17 association committees, and serves on several state and national law enforcement advisory  
18 boards; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriff Bittick graduated from the 130th class of the FBI National Academy in  
20 1982, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program in 1983, and holds a  
21 bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mercer University; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Bittick is married to the former Pamela Browne, has three children, and  
2 is a proud grandfather. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church in Forsyth, Georgia, and a  
3 Mason.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize Sheriff John Cary Bittick and commend him on being the 2008 recipient of the  
6 Ferris E. Lucas National Sheriff of the Year award, for his exemplary career, and for the  
7 outstanding service he has provided to his community, the state, and the nation.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff John Cary Bittick.