

House Resolution 1461

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Mills of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Terry Esco on his 20th anniversary as police chief of
2 Braselton, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Police Chief Terry Esco is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by
4 local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
5 principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Jackson County High School, Chief Esco worked for the Jackson
7 County Sheriff's Department for six months and was named Braselton's first chief of police
8 in 1990; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chief Esco has seen the police department grow from a
10 one-man operation that served the town's 312 residents to a full-time force of 13 officers and
11 staff that serve over 6,000 Braselton citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, under Chief Esco's leadership the department has constructed a firing range for
13 weapons' proficiency, a shoot house for federal law enforcement training and maneuvers, and
14 a state-of-the-art police and municipal court center; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2001, the department converted to 24/7 status, creating a four county
16 cooperative between police and sheriff's departments in neighboring districts; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Esco has diligently and conscientiously hosted public safety days and
18 National Night Out events for residents, earned federal and community grants for bulletproof
19 vests for officers, and served as an active member of the Northeast Traffic Enforcement
20 Network; and

21 WHEREAS, he established the Todd Helcher Memorial DUI award for fellow officers in the
22 region and has been recognized by the Governor's Office on Highway Safety for his use of
23 community-based policing methods to extend department resources; and

24 WHEREAS, he has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
25 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
26 commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
28 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Chief Esco and all local law
29 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Police Chief Terry
32 Esco in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for two decades, extend to him their
33 utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public
34 servant, and congratulate him on the grand occasion of his 20th anniversary with the
35 Braselton Police Department.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Police Chief Terry Esco.