

House Resolution 1598

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st and Scott of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Steve Wilson is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by local
3 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
4 principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, in honor of his commitment to serving the citizens of Walker County and his
6 incredible career in law enforcement, the Rossville Exchange Club is hosting The Rossville
7 Exchange Club Dinner Roast Honoring Steve Wilson; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of LaFayette High School, Sheriff Wilson has extensive training in
9 law enforcement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Fingerprint School, the Georgia
10 Department of Corrections Officer Mandate School at the University of Georgia, Floyd
11 College's Police Academy, the Drug Enforcement Administration School, the Sheriffs' Elect
12 Academy, Northern Virginia Community College, and the Naval Post Graduate School of
13 the Center for Homeland Defense and Security; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson began his prestigious career in law enforcement 31 years ago
15 as a fingerprint examiner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., and
16 worked with the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of LaFayette Police
17 Department before joining the Walker County Sheriff's Office in 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, elected to serve as sheriff in 1996, Sheriff Wilson has implemented Walker
19 County's first School Resource Officer program at Ridgeland High School, established a K-9
20 Drug Detection Unit, upgraded the office's vehicle fleet using SPLOST funds, created an
21 inmate chaplain program, started the Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting
22 Safety (CHAMPS) program for each fifth grade classroom in Walker County, and
23 established a partnership with local and state officials to create the BAT Mobile, a mobile
24 blood alcohol testing unit to target impaired drivers; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
26 throughout his career, including a Governor's Public Safety Award, 1995 Officer of the Year
27 Award from the Rossville Exchange Club, and 2004 Walker County Citizen of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, a community leader, Sheriff Wilson is an active member and past president of
29 the LaFayette Optimist Club, past president of the Northwest Georgia Law Enforcement
30 Executives Association, member of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce, and past
31 president of the Constitutional Officers' Association of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wilson has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
33 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient
34 and effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff Steve Wilson
37 in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Steve Wilson.