

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Randall Johnson on the occasion of his retirement and inviting him to appear
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Randall Johnson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to public service and the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Randall Johnson, Sheriff of Fayette County, has served the State of Georgia
7 ably and with great distinction for nearly 49 years; and

8 WHEREAS, born in Fayette County on October 13, 1940, and a graduate of Fayette County
9 High School, he began his law enforcement career in 1959, when he was sworn in as a
10 Fayette County Deputy Sheriff by then Fayette County Sheriff James Stinchcomb; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1961, he went to work for the State of Georgia working at the Capitol in
12 Atlanta, before joining the Georgia Department of Revenue, Division of Alcohol and
13 Tobacco as a special agent two years later; and

14 WHEREAS, he left the Department of Revenue to successfully campaign for the Office of
15 Sheriff of Fayette County; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected the 23rd Sheriff of Fayette County and has been
17 successfully reelected by the citizens of Fayette County for eight terms; and

18 WHEREAS, when Sheriff Randall Johnson retires on December 31, 2008, he will have
19 served the third longest period of time of any sheriff in Georgia and will be tied with only
20 six other sheriffs for length of service; and

21 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Kaye Stansel, have been married for 40 years and are
22 the proud parents of two daughters, Melissa Johnson and Beth Anderson, and are blessed
23 with two grandsons, Brady and Sawyer Anderson; and

24 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
25 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his many
26 years of exemplary service as sheriff; and

27 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
28 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of
29 his community and this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues
30 and associates; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body honor and commend Sheriff Randall Johnson for his many decades
35 of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state,
36 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for his retirement, and invite him to appear
37 before the House of Representatives on a day and at a time designated by the Speaker of the
38 House of Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Randall Johnson.