

## Senate Resolution 163

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Murphy of the 27th, Chapman of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd and Hudgens of the 47th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard began his remarkable career with the Law Enforcement  
3 Section of the Department of Natural Resources as a saltwater ranger in Brunswick, Georgia,  
4 and held prestigious positions such as Corporal, Sergeant, and Captain; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. Sheppard was named the Department's first official training  
6 officer, creating curriculum tailored to the skills needed for a conservation ranger, including  
7 boat operation, wildlife identification, ATV operation, wilderness first response, and  
8 countless others; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheppard's hard work and dedication to the training of conservation rangers  
10 has resulted in an 18 week school for new rangers which is second to none, with 750 required  
11 training hours that provide new recruits with the tools necessary to protect and serve the  
12 citizens and wildlife of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheppard has devoted over 30 years to the training of conservation rangers,  
14 serving as a POST instructor and an Officer in Charge, resulting in some of the best trained  
15 peace officers in the State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, in creating the superb training staff for the Georgia Conservation Ranger  
17 School, Mr. Sheppard meticulously chose 78 voluntary POST certified instructors to teach  
18 at the ranger school on an annual basis; and

19 WHEREAS, for his foresight, diligence, and professionalism, Mr. Sheppard has been  
20 nominated for the POAG Arthur Hutchins Award for Meritorious Service.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 recognize Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard's contributions and dedication to the training of  
23 conservation rangers in the State of Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard.