

House Resolution 297

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Lunsford of the 110th, Day of the 163rd, and Martin of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard and inviting him to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard's contributions and dedication
24 to the training of conservation rangers in the State of Georgia and invite him to appear before
25 the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ralph E. Sheppard.