

Senate Resolution 437

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lottie Cotton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lottie Cotton was one of the first female police officers hired by the  
3 Columbus Police Department in 1961; and
- 4 WHEREAS, during her five and one-half years of service for the Department nearly 50 years  
5 ago, Mrs. Cotton patrolled her beat in a skirt, heels, and a hat, keeping the streets of  
6 Columbus safe for residents and visitors; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton's ground-breaking devotion and commitment to the betterment of  
8 her community and protection of its citizens was recognized recently by the Columbus Police  
9 Department; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton was united in love and marriage to the late Adren B. Cotton and  
11 has been blessed with six children, 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and five  
12 great-great-grandchildren; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided  
14 the foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed  
15 and flourished; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possesses the vast wisdom  
18 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
19 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotton is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
21 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made  
22 of her life, she makes this world a better place in which to live.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend Mrs. Lottie Cotton for her effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service;  
25 recognize her important bravery in serving as a trailblazer for all women in uniform; and  
26 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lottie Cotton.