House Resolution 1235

By: Representative Keown of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

1   Recognizing and commending Walter Reed Hadley, Jr. and inviting him to appear before the

2   House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3   WHEREAS, Walter Reed Hadley, Jr., was born May 6, 1928, in Thomas County, Georgia

4   in the community of Merrillville; and

5   WHEREAS, he attended Coolidge High School and, as many others of his day and

6   generation, was obligated to drop out of school to help provide for his younger siblings; and

7   WHEREAS, by his sacrifice, many of his siblings were able to go to college, with some

8   becoming medical doctors and doctors of the arts in music and education, registered nurses,

9   and school teachers; and

10 WHEREAS, while graduating from the school of "hard knocks," which included farming and

11 working at Sunnyland, a saw mill, and Archbold Hospital, Walter Hadley, Jr., developed

12 great personal skills which reflected his personality, common sense, loyalty, and ability to

13 treat every person with respect; and

14 WHEREAS, being the older brother of 14 siblings, the father of six children, the grandfather

15 of 13, and the great-grandfather of 11, he was able to be involved in his church and act as a

16 role model in his community; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1967, he became a deputy sheriff in the Thomas County Sheriff's Office; and

18 in 1977 he became Chief Deputy, a post he has held for the past 33 years, becoming the

19 longest serving Chief Deputy in the State of Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

21 the members of this body recognize and commend Walter Reed Hadley, Jr., for his long

22 service to the people of this great state.

23   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Walter Reed Hadley, Jr., is invited to appear before the

24   House of Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of

25   Representatives for purposes of being honored and receiving a copy of this resolution.