

House Resolution 1241

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd and Chambers of the 81st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Chemistry Section of the Georgia Bureau of
- 2 Investigation's (GBI) Division of Forensic Sciences on its receipt of the 2009 August
- 3 Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, August Vollmer (1876 – 1955), a former Chief of Police and president of the
- 5 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), is known as the "Father of American
- 6 Policing" and promoted the use of new forensics technology, including fingerprinting,
- 7 polygraph machines, and crime laboratories; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the IACP, the world's largest and oldest nonprofit law enforcement organization
- 9 that includes over 20,000 law enforcement executives from over 89 countries, established the
- 10 August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award to honor the proactive, innovative
- 11 use of forensic technologies by law enforcement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, on Sunday, October 4, 2009, the Chemistry Section of the GBI Crime
- 13 Laboratory received this prestigious award for developing and coordinating a successful
- 14 marijuana identification training program for local law enforcement agencies in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, as a result of this outstanding program, there are over 1,600 officers in Georgia
- 16 certified by the GBI Crime Laboratory to analyze marijuana seized in their jurisdictions and
- 17 to testify on their findings, allowing marijuana cases to move through the court system more
- 18 rapidly and efficiently than other controlled substance cases; and
- 19 WHEREAS, because of this program, the GBI laboratory has seen a 98 percent reduction of
- 20 marijuana cases tested which has permitted drug scientists to concentrate their efforts on
- 21 more serious drug cases resulting in better service to the criminal justice community in
- 22 Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the Chemistry Section of the GBI's Division of Forensic
25 Sciences and commend them for their outstanding service to the Georgia Bureau of
26 Investigation, the criminal justice community, this state, and to our nation.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chemistry Section of
29 the GBI's Division of Forensic Sciences.