

House Resolution 1241

By: Representatives Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup> and Chambers of the 81<sup>st</sup>

#### 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.