

House Resolution 1352

By: Representatives Epps of the 140<sup>th</sup> and Cole of the 125<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece is highly regarded by the citizens of this state  
3 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
4 sound principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece graduated from Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia, and  
6 attended Abraham Baldwin College and the University of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States  
8 Army, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy; and

9 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has dedicated 32 years to law enforcement and served as Sheriff  
10 of Jones County since 1981; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure as sheriff, he has been instrumental in launching an enhanced  
12 911 service for Jones County, establishing a new Law Enforcement Center in 1998, creating  
13 the Safe House for victims needing temporary placement, and implementing new courthouse  
14 security protocol; and

15 WHEREAS, his leadership and commitment has been recognized with numerous honors and  
16 awards, including a Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Georgia Sheriff's  
17 Association, an Outstanding Citizen Award from Woodman of the World, the 1987 Law  
18 Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Jones County Lions Club, a 1992 Male  
19 Citizen of the Year Award from the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, a Justice  
20 Integrity Service Award from the Department of Justice United States Marshall, and a  
21 District Award of Merit; and

22 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, for 39  
23 wonderful years, and they have been blessed with two children, Robert and Keri, and twin  
24 grandsons, Max and Reece; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
26 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and  
27 effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
29 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sheriff Reece and all local law  
30 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff Robert N.  
33 "Butch" Reece in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades and  
34 extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the  
35 meaning of public servant.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Robert N. "Butch"  
38 Reece.