

House Resolution 298

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Amerson of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ted Bearden; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ted Bearden is the coroner for Dawson County, Georgia, and was named
3 2010 Coroner of the Year by the Georgia Coroner's Association; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bearden has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
5 role he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to the citizens
6 of his community and the State of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as one of the most highly respected members of the Georgia Coroner's
8 Association, Mr. Bearden is a classic example of a dedicated elected official; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bearden began his career with Dawson County as a deputy coroner under
10 then coroner Bill Burnham in 1991 and was elected to serve as Coroner of Dawson County
11 in 2000; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has won three terms in office and shown his ability to attract highly qualified
13 professionals to serve as his deputy coroners, Lanier Swafford and Billy Thurmond; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bearden's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the Georgia
15 Coroner's Association, where he served for a number of years on the board, has been active
16 in the media/public relations and legislative committees, and was president in 2008; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
18 outstanding service, remarkable patience and diplomacy, and sensitivity to the needs of
19 family members who have lost a loved one which have earned him the respect and
20 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
23 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Mr. Ted Bearden on his exemplary service to Dawson
26 County and this state and congratulate him upon his recognition as Coroner of the Year.

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 Mr. Ted Bearden.