

Senate Resolution 737

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th and Cowser of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending A.A. "Andy" Garrison, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Andy Garrison, Jr., began his career in law enforcement in Jackson County in
3 1973 and is the longest serving commander of the Northeast Georgia Police Academy; and

4 WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment was commanding the state police academy in
5 Athens, Georgia, from 1983 to 2012, where his duties included completing a two-year project
6 to rewrite the standards for basic training in this state, develop and oversee both short- and
7 long-range goals for growth and smooth operation, develop spreadsheets to record grades
8 throughout this state, and counsel with executives throughout this state on training standards
9 and curricula; and

10 WHEREAS, Andy's experiences include serving as president/CEO of the Town and Gown
11 Players, Inc., from 2005-2007, president of the Georgia Academy Directors Association, and
12 adjunct faculty member at the Carl Vinson Institute of Continuing Education and Athens
13 Technical College; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past 38 years, he has served in many capacities within the public safety
15 field and has a keen insight into police departments, sheriff's offices, investigative units at
16 detention facilities and jails, special weapons and tactics operations with bomb disposal,
17 interpersonal communications with criminal investigations, domestic violence issues with
18 crisis investigations, and stress management; and

19 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
20 talents, and energy to protecting and serving his community and state as evidenced
21 dramatically by over three decades of superlative public service and work in law
22 enforcement; and

23 WHEREAS, he has been highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and
24 local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
25 administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

26 WHEREAS, Andy is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in
27 all his endeavors, and his commitment to safety and protecting the citizens of Georgia is
28 worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend A.A. "Andy" Garrison, Jr., on his outstanding service to his community and the
31 State of Georgia and extend to him best wishes for his near and distant future.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to A.A. "Andy" Garrison, Jr.