

House Resolution 1628

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chief Samuel F. Patterson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Chief Samuel F. Patterson is the Director of Public Safety and the Chief of
3 Police in Riverdale, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, he served the Atlanta Police Department from 1987 until 2005 and retired as
5 a Police Major when he was offered a job in Riverdale as the Assistant Chief of Police where
6 he served the position for two and a half years and was appointed Chief of Police in 2007 and
7 Director of Public Safety in 2008 with responsibilities for Police, Communications, and Fire
8 Services; and

9 WHEREAS, the Riverdale Police Department was awarded the Commission on
10 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies International Accreditation in 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Patterson completed the Law Enforcement Executive Development
12 course presented by the FBI in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Samuel F. Patterson is united in love and marriage to Marilyn Liggett
14 Patterson, and they are blessed with three remarkable children; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston,
16 Massachusetts, the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Georgia Command
17 College, Leadership Clayton, and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development
18 Program; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he
20 earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and Columbus State University, where he
21 earned a Master's in Public Administration; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and is an active
23 member of the Decatur Alumni Chapter; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Samuel F. Patterson is highly regarded by the citizens of his community
25 and by state and local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
26 dedication to the administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude be shown for the unique and
28 often unheralded contributions of Chief Samuel F. Patterson and all local law enforcement
29 officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Chief Samuel F. Patterson for his efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued health
33 and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Samuel F. Patterson.