

## House Resolution 1797

By: Representatives Dutton of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Cooke of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Anderson of the 117<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 25th annual law enforcement cookout; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the annual law enforcement cookout started with less than 50 in attendance and  
4 has grown to over 1,800 in the past year; and

5 WHEREAS, Wayne Dasher and Long County Sheriff Cecil Nobles began the cookout in  
6 1987 to thank all law enforcement for the job they do and for putting their lives on the line;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the program portion of the evening provides a ready audience for state-wide  
9 elected officials to extol the excellence of Georgia's law enforcement and first responders and  
10 to assure enforcement officers to their unchanging support for those who compel obedience  
11 to Georgia's safety laws; and

12 WHEREAS, in recent years, first responders have been added to the honoree list, including  
13 fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, military personnel, and corrections officers; and

14 WHEREAS, Tattnall County Sheriff Quintin Rush, Liberty County Sheriff Don Martin, and  
15 Wayne County Sheriff John Carter joined in hosting the occasion a few years back; and

16 WHEREAS, the event is held in April every year, and Sheriff Craig Nobles, Cecil Nobles's  
17 son, recently stepped in to host the cookout; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the annual law enforcement cookout and  
19 all local law enforcement officers, on behalf of the citizens of this state, be appropriately  
20 recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
23 exhibited by law enforcement officers and first responders in carrying out the difficult duties  
24 of their vocation, extend to them their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly  
25 defined for others the meaning of public servant, and recognize the 25th annual law  
26 enforcement cookout.

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 public and the press.