

Senate Resolution 1216

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Senior Police Officer Tony Howard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Senior Police Officer (SPO) Tony Howard is highly regarded by the citizens
3 of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned
4 integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he began his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Clarke County Sheriff's
6 Office and was also employed with the Athens-Clarke County Marshal's Service; and
- 7 WHEREAS, SPO Howard joined the Athens-Clarke County Police Department in June of
8 2004 as a police officer and was promoted to senior police officer in September of 2005; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was wounded by gunfire while responding to a police call and after several
10 surgeries and months of rehabilitation he returned to duty in October of 2011; and
- 11 WHEREAS, SPO Howard has received numerous honors, including the Michael K. Connor
12 Public Service Award in 2009, the Sherm Applebaum Award from the Athens Rotary Club
13 and the Red Cross Heroes Award from the American Red Cross East Georgia Chapter in
14 May of 2011, the Military Order of the Purple Heart in July of 2011, and the Sworn
15 Employee of the First Quarter of 2011 and the 2011 Sworn Employee of the Year from the
16 Athens-Clarke County Police Department; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, SPO Howard is a faithful member of Timothy
18 Baptist Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Shirlisa Howard and through this union they
20 are blessed with three remarkable sons, Terrence, Deionte, and Destin; and

21 WHEREAS, SPO Howard is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
22 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made
23 of his life, he makes this world a better place in which to live.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Senior Police Officer Tony Howard for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated
26 public service to the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senior Police Officer Tony Howard.