

## House Resolution 1876

By: Representatives Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, and Sims of the 119<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Ronald Strength on the occasion of his retirement and inviting him to  
2 be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Ronald Strength has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his 35 years of superlative service with the Richmond County Sheriff's  
9 Office; and

10 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Augusta College with a bachelor's degree, Sheriff  
11 Strength joined the Richmond County Sheriff's Office as a road patrol deputy, climbing the  
12 ranks to violent crime investigator in 1978, chief deputy in 1989, and sheriff in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, as chief deputy, he supervised the operation of a 347 person agency, which  
14 increased to 734 employees after a consolidation in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Strength has attended numerous schools for law enforcement and has  
16 attained over 2,000 hours of various criminal investigative schools, including a 13 week  
17 criminal investigation course at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and a dignitary protection course  
18 in Washington, D.C.; and

19 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Patti; and

20 WHEREAS, Sheriff Strength's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
21 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs

22 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
23 associates; and

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration of  
25 justice and the sound principles of law enforcement; and

26 WHEREAS, Sheriff Strength has served with honor and distinction with the Richmond  
27 County Sheriff's Office, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed  
28 upon the occasion of his retirement; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Sheriff Ronald Strength for 35 years of efficient,  
33 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him  
34 upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
35 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
36 Representatives.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Ronald Strength.