

House Resolution 1883

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Ralston of the 7th, Meadows of the 5th, Greene of the 149th, England of the 108th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Public Safety on the occasion of
2 its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Safety was created in 1937, and under its
4 current leadership of Commissioner and Chief Executive Mark W. McDonough, it oversees
5 the day-to-day operations of the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police, and the Motor Carrier
6 Compliance Division; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol troopers investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic
8 and criminal laws on the state's roads under the leadership of Major Eddie Grier and
9 Lieutenant Colonel Russell Powell; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol has been one of the leading law enforcement agencies
11 in the country with regards to new technology and innovations; and

12 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Captain Ronnie Rhodes, the officers with the Capitol
13 Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes, manage street closures for
14 events, patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings,
15 provide courtroom security for Georgia's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, conduct
16 security assessments and surveillance detection, and deliver personal safety training for state
17 employees; and

18 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chief Wayne Beck, the Motor Carrier Compliance
19 Division (MCCD) performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at
20 roadsides, inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals; and

21 WHEREAS, MCCD consists of five units and programs which include the HOV unit, the
22 school bus safety unit, the compliance review program and safety audit, size and weight
23 enforcement, and the commercial motor vehicle safety program; and

24 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work
25 cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and
26 visitors of this state; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
28 organization be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Georgia Department of Public Safety for 75 years
31 of efficient, effective, unselfish, courteous, and dedicated public service to the welfare of the
32 citizens of the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Mark W.
35 McDonough of the Georgia State Patrol, Captain Ronnie Rhodes of the Capitol Police
36 Division, and Chief Wayne Beck of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division.