

House Resolution 119

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Black of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, Sharper of the 177th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Valdosta Chief of Police Frank Simons on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Frank Simons has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 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 41 years of his life, talents, and
7 energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his
8 superlative service with the Valdosta Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Simons's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
10 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his dedication to restoring the integrity
11 of his department have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
12 associates; and

13 WHEREAS, under Chief Simons's leadership, the Valdosta Police Department was rebuilt,
14 regaining the trust of the community and becoming state certified and nationally accredited;
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16 WHEREAS, his leadership would also influence the creation and enforcement of policies
17 that resulted in the Valdosta Police Department receiving international recognition from the
18 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies as a Flagship Agency; and

19 WHEREAS, among his accomplishments, Chief Simons influenced the complete renovation
20 of the police headquarters facility, implemented and funded new and modern training for all
21 personnel, and so improved efficiency in the department that he was able to implement new
22 divisions of special tactical teams with highly trained personnel; and

23 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction with the Valdosta Police Department,
24 and his vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service; and

25 WHEREAS, Chief Simons also served as the President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs
26 of Police during his career and in 2005 was selected by his peers to receive the highest honor
27 in his profession, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Outstanding Chief of the Year;
28 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 Valdosta Chief of Police Frank Simons for his effective,
33 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
34 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for
35 continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Frank Simons.