

House Resolution 185

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Hitchens of the 161st, Hatchett of the 150th, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ronnie Shuemake on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ronnie Shuemake has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership, his deep personal commitment to the welfare of
5 the citizens of Georgia, and his dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronnie Shuemake, who was born on March 28, 1959, joined the United States
7 Army in 1979 at the age of 19 and was decorated with a Marksman Badge with the M-16
8 rifle, an Expert Badge with a hand grenade, and an Overseas Service Ribbon, before being
9 honorably discharged in February of 1982; and

10 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman became employed with the Georgia Department
11 of Corrections on September 1, 1982, and in June of 1991 was employed with the Georgia
12 State Patrol as radio operator in Swainsboro, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he was promoted to Senior Trooper in 2002 and retired December 1, 2012, as
14 a Master Trooper in good standing with the Georgia State Patrol; and

15 WHEREAS, Ronnie Shuemake was also a Field Training Officer with the Georgia State
16 Patrol, personally training many new troopers over his remarkable career; and

17 WHEREAS, he received the Governor's Award for Individual Customer Service Excellence
18 in October of 2007 for assisting more motorists than any other trooper in the State of Georgia
19 and received the Colonels Commendation Award in 1995 for his actions during a pursuit in
20 which the driver brandished a handgun and began firing; and

21 WHEREAS, a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity and kindness, Ronnie Shuemake mentors children on a regular basis in his

23 community and organizes charity events in Swainsboro, including an event where book bags
24 and school supplies are provided to underprivileged kids; and

25 WHEREAS, Ronnie Shuemake has provided a shining example for those in his community
26 and the State of Georgia to live up to their potential, and it is abundantly fitting and proper
27 that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable citizen be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Ronnie Shuemake for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
30 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to him their most sincere best
31 wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ronnie Shuemake.