

Senate Resolution 225

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Stacey L. Cotton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Chief of Police Stacey L. Cotton is the holder of two master's degrees from
3 Troy State University and a Bachelor of Science from Georgia's Mercer University; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and
5 a graduate of the University of Georgia Public Management Educational Continuum; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton has enjoyed a long career in law enforcement with the Covington
7 Police Department, starting as a patrol officer in 1987 and rising through the ranks to become
8 the Chief of Police for the City of Covington in 1997; in 2008, the City recognized him as
9 a unique and talented employee, promoting him to Chief of Police; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2004, he became an elected official of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of
11 Police, assuming the position of the association's president in 2009; and he has served on
12 virtually all of the association's standing committees, such as Legislative, Constitution and
13 Bylaws, Resolutions, Training, and Corporate Affairs Committees; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is noted as having the State of Georgia's first in the state and tenth in the
15 nation accredited agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
16 Agencies, Inc.; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton achieved another milestone when the Covington Police Department
18 became one of the first public safety agencies to be deemed and honored as a "Georgia State
19 Certified Agency"; and
- 20 WHEREAS, representing professional law enforcement in the State of Georgia, he was
21 chosen to be the chair of the 2001 Georgia Israel Exchange Program; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton is married to Lana Lane Cotton and has three children, his twin sons
23 Kyle and Kole Cotton, and daughter Madisyn Lane.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize Covington's Chief of Police Stacey L. Cotton as the GACP 2012-2013 "Chief of
26 the Year," and commend him for the selfless dedication he exhibits in carrying out the
27 difficult duties of his position.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief of Police Stacey L. Cotton.