

Senate Resolution 279

By: Senator James of the 35th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Fulton County Marshal's Department on the one  
2 hundredth anniversary of its establishment; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Marshal's Department was established by an act of the  
4 Georgia General Assembly approved on August 20, 1913; and

5 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Marshal's Department was created as part of a larger effort  
6 to reform and improve the administration of justice in Georgia's urban centers and this effort  
7 was championed by State Senator Walter McElreath; and

8 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Marshal's Department began operations as the Marshal's  
9 Office of the Fulton Section of the Municipal Court of Atlanta on January 1, 1914; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fulton Section of the Municipal Court of Atlanta was redesignated as the  
11 Civil Court of Fulton County, and ultimately as the State Court of Fulton County; and

12 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Marshal's Department currently serves the State Court of  
13 Fulton County; and

14 WHEREAS, the Marshal and Deputy Marshals of the Fulton County Marshal's Department  
15 are peace officers vested with the "duties, powers, rights, authority, and liabilities...  
16 prescribed by law for the sheriffs of the several counties..." and

17 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the members of the Fulton County Marshal's Department  
18 have selflessly sacrificed for the good of the communities that they serve, and on December  
19 28, 1977, Deputy Marshal David Larry Folds made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the members of the Fulton County Marshal's Department have continually  
22 demonstrated a commitment to excellence and the Fulton County Marshal's Department is  
23 the only marshal's department nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for

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24 Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., and the Fulton County Marshal's Department has  
25 maintained national accreditation since 1995; and

26 WHEREAS, the members of the Fulton County Marshal's Department continue to exemplify  
27 the highest traditions of public service and professionalism in law enforcement; and

28 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Marshal's Department will celebrate the centennial of its  
29 establishment on August 20, 2013.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 recognize the centenary of the Fulton County Marshal's Department and commend the past  
32 and present members of the Fulton County Marshal's Department on their integrity,  
33 commitment, and competence.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chief Judge of the State Court of  
36 Fulton County and the Fulton County Marshal's Department.