

House Resolution 563

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th, Talton of the 147th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Archie Rainey, Director of Georgia's Law Enforcement
2 Command College at Columbus State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Archie Rainey has been recognized with a Meritorious Service Award from
4 the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the leadership of today's Georgia law enforcement agencies is of tremendous
6 importance to the solving of current law enforcement issues; and

7 WHEREAS, no single person in this state has been more involved in creating a contingent
8 pool of contemporary law enforcement executives ready to meet those challenges than Dr.
9 Archie Rainey, Director of Georgia's Law Enforcement Command College at Columbus
10 State University; and

11 WHEREAS, after dutifully serving in the United States Army, Dr. Archie Rainey entered the
12 peace officer profession as a Savannah Tennessee police officer; Dr. Rainey later joined the
13 Tennessee Highway Patrol where he worked to continue his education, earning a
14 baccalaureate and master's degree from the University of Tennessee and his Ph.D. from the
15 Union Graduate School; and

16 WHEREAS, he was recruited to Georgia in the early 1970s by Columbus State University
17 and then Police Chief Curtis McClung of the Columbus Police Department, and, over the
18 next 21 years of his career, Dr. Rainey educated many Georgian peace officers through
19 Columbus State's criminal justice program; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Rainey was approached by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of
21 Police with the idea of developing a Command College to promote the education of police
22 executives state wide, a challenge he eagerly accepted; and

23 WHEREAS, he went on to develop a curriculum that would provide graduate level studies,
24 delivered in a format that provided peace officers throughout Georgia the opportunity to
25 pursue POST certified executive level training and earn an academic Master of Public
26 Administration degree through Columbus State University; and

27 WHEREAS, through Dr. Rainey's tireless efforts, nearly 60 cohorts, totaling more than 1,000
28 students, have completed the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College; nearly 200 of
29 those graduates are now serving as agency heads in Georgia law enforcement or corrections
30 agencies; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Archie Rainey's dedication and devotion to the education of Georgia's peace
32 officers and to this program has advanced careers, enhanced agencies, and made the
33 Command College a national model for agencies throughout the country, and it is abundantly
34 fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Dr. Archie
37 Rainey and recognize him on receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the Peace
38 Officers' Association of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Archie Rainey.