

## Senate Resolution 871

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Carter of the 1st, Orrock of the 36th and Fort of the 39th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Debbie Shaw; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw has been named Peace Officer of the Year for Meritorious Service  
3 by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia; and

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

6 WHEREAS, after dutifully serving as a uniformed East Point police officer, Debbie Shaw  
7 became employed with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in which she worked in a field  
8 office and specialized squads experiencing the specific requirements and expertise of  
9 criminal investigations; her efforts in training led to the creation, design, and implementation  
10 of curriculum and instruction that gained tremendous support from her command staff, along  
11 with favor and appreciation from agents across the state; and

12 WHEREAS, in finding her calling, she became the Peace Officers Association of Georgia  
13 training coordinator and opened the doors for many local and state officers to benefit from  
14 annual conference training that was above and beyond many other training events offered  
15 anywhere in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw's yearning to help others led her to serve as the training  
17 coordinator for the State Crisis Intervention Team, which equips officers throughout the state  
18 to be better able to deal with persons going through a mental crisis by the use of  
19 de-escalation tactics in lieu of force to maintain order and promote safety; and

20 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw also works as a training coordinator for the Federal Bureau of  
21 Investigation law enforcement academy associates and provides her expertise to upper level  
22 management and executives regarding important training issues statewide; and

23 WHEREAS, she works through many Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST)  
24 instructor schools where she plays a vital role in preparing the next generation of instructors  
25 that will help shape the landscape of Georgia law enforcement; and

26 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw was instrumental in the genesis of meetings putting state law  
27 enforcement together to look at different aspects of training, enabling them to collaborate in  
28 order to be more effective and efficient in the process; and

29 WHEREAS, through her efforts, she has made peace officers throughout Georgia more  
30 equipped and better prepared to serve our citizens and promote public safety.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Debbie Shaw for her diligent efforts in  
33 law enforcement, recognize her for being named Peace Officer of the Year for Meritorious  
34 Service by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia, and extend the sincerest best wishes  
35 for her continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Debbie Shaw.