

House Resolution 1293

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Randall of the 142nd, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chief of Police Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief of Police Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns, now a retired law enforcement
4 practitioner, has enjoyed an extensive career in law enforcement with the Macon Police
5 Department starting as a patrol officer, well over 38 years ago, and rising through the ranks
6 to be appointed the first Chief of Police for the City of Macon in 2005 that has escalated
7 through the ranks to that high and honorable position in over 22 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief of Police Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns holds a Bachelor of Science
9 degree in Criminal Justice, and Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Criminal Justice
10 Studies, and has additionally distinguished himself as a graduate of many management
11 related programs, such as the National FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief of Police Burns served on many Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
13 standing committees, such as the Legislative Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws
14 Committee; and by virtue of his placement on those and other committees and in conjunction
15 with his innate desire to train future law enforcement managers, he became a mentor to
16 aspiring police chiefs, always accenting professionalism in the field of law enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Burns is noted as having one of Georgia's nationally accredited agencies,
18 being given that distinction by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
19 Agencies Inc. (CALEA); and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas Michael "Mike" Burns is married to Bobbie Burns and has four
21 children, Jennifer Brooks, Rachel Collins, Amy Andrews, and Georgia State Patrol Corporal
22 Michael Burns.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize as the GACP 2013 "Chief of the Year," Chief Thomas
25 Michael "Mike" Burns and commend him for the selfless dedication he exhibits in carrying
26 out the difficult duties of his position.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief of Police Thomas
29 Michael "Mike" Burns, the now retired Chief of Police for the City of Macon, Georgia.