

## House Resolution 1349

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Tanner of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Peake of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Efstration of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Debbie Shaw and inviting her to be recognized by the House
- 2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw has been named Peace Officer of the Year for Meritorious Service
- 4 by 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, after dutifully serving as a uniformed East Point police officer, Debbie Shaw
- 8 became employed with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in which she worked in a field
- 9 office and specialized squads experiencing the specific requirements and expertise of
- 10 criminal investigations; her efforts in training led to the creation, design, and implementation
- 11 of curriculum and instruction that gained tremendous support from her command staff, along
- 12 with favor and appreciation from agents across the state; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in finding her calling, she became the Peace Officers Association of Georgia
- 14 training coordinator and opened the doors for many local and state officers to benefit from
- 15 annual conference training that was above and beyond many other training events offered
- 16 anywhere in the country; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw's yearning to help others led her to serve as the training
- 18 coordinator for the State Crisis Intervention Team, which equips officers throughout the state
- 19 to be better able to deal with persons going through a mental crisis by the use of
- 20 de-escalation tactics in lieu of force to maintain order and promote safety; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Debbie Shaw also works as a training coordinator for the Federal Bureau of
- 22 Investigation law enforcement academy associates and provides her expertise to upper level
- 23 management and executives regarding important training issues state wide; and

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

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Debbie Shaw for her diligent efforts in law enforcement  
34 and her courageous and selfless dedication, recognize her for being named Peace Officer of  
35 the Year for Meritorious Service by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia, invite her to  
36 be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker  
37 of the House of Representatives, and extend the sincerest best wishes for her continued  
38 success.

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 Debbie Shaw.