

House Resolution 1558

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Coleman of the 97th, and Rice of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending City of Duluth Chief of Police Randy Belcher; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the safety of this state is protected by the brave men and women who proudly
3 serve the country in the armed forces and the incredible police departments statewide; and

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5 WHEREAS, these brave men and women, within their respective police agencies, selflessly
6 sacrifice their lives to ensure that all within our communities are protected; and

7 WHEREAS, they ensure that the rule of law is adhered to, as a means of ensuring that
8 society continues to thrive and so future generations may be protected; and

9 WHEREAS, a police officer's unofficial creed is to protect and serve, and Chief of Police
10 Randy Belcher of the Duluth Police Department personifies this motto to the utmost degree;
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12 WHEREAS, Chief Belcher became the youngest chief of police in the State of Georgia in
13 1984, and this year marks his monumental achievement of 30 years of service as chief; and
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15 WHEREAS, Chief Belcher has overseen the Duluth Police Department since the days that
16 it served a mostly rural population, and he continues to guide as it now serves a thriving city
17 population; and

18 WHEREAS, during this time, the City of Duluth has remained among the safest cities to live
19 in Georgia and has maintained one of the lowest crime rates in the state; and

20 WHEREAS, these accomplishments are a testament to Chief Belcher's meticulous service
21 and leadership abilities and, in his humbleness, he realizes that none could be achieved
22 without the great men and women that serve under his direction; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Belcher is an active member of his force and has never settled to simply
24 working at the station; he leads by example, from going on patrol, to chasing down criminals,
25 to rescuing a woman from a burning car after she was in an accident; and

26 WHEREAS, these and like occurrences accompanied by an outstanding personality have
27 allowed Chief Belcher to be highly esteemed by his fellow officers, peers, staff, and the
28 community at large; and

29 WHEREAS, this exemplary Georgian truly personifies the best of the City of Duluth, and
30 it is only proper that this model citizen be commended.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend City of Duluth Chief of Police Randy Belcher for 30
33 years of bounteous service to our citizens and express to him their most sincere best wishes
34 for continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Randy Belcher.