

House Resolution 1817

By: Representative Harden of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Donald R. Haralson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Sheriff Donald R. Haralson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Haralson was born on August 11, 1955, in Albany, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he began his law enforcement career in February, 1977, as a Cordele police
6 officer; he became Cordele's Chief of Police in 1985 and was appointed as interim sheriff of
7 Crisp County by Governor Joe Frank Harris in 1987; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Sheriff Haralson served on numerous committees at both the local and state
9 levels, including as president of the Georgia Sheriff's Association, member of the Georgia
10 Public Safety Board of Directors, chairman of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council,
11 chairman of the Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council, and president of the Peace
12 Officers Association of Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, at the local level, he was president of the Crisp County Community Council and
14 served on the United Way Board; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Haralson was a 1977 graduate of the Abraham Baldwin Regional Police
16 Academy and a 1987 graduate of the Georgia Sheriff's Academy; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Governor's Public Safety Award for his outstanding
18 contributions to law enforcement in August of 2000; and
- 19 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Sheriff Haralson was successful in helping procure inmate
20 labor to build a multimillion dollar recreation facility in Crisp County at a tremendous cost

21 savings to the citizens; he was also instrumental in acquiring a regional youth detention
22 center in Cordele, helping to provide jobs for many in the community; and

23 WHEREAS, because of his determination to protect and serve, Sheriff Haralson was
24 nominated and chosen as the State of Georgia 2010 Sheriff of the Year and was the longest
25 sitting sheriff in the history of Crisp County; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sheriff Haralson was an active member of First
27 Baptist Church and served on the deacon board; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
29 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had
30 the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Donald R.
33 Haralson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sheriff Donald
36 R. Haralson.