

Senate Resolution 1274

By: Senators Crosby of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Edd Walker; 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 Edd Walker; and

4 WHEREAS, Edd Walker was born in Tift County, where he remained a lifelong resident;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, his career in law enforcement began in 1960; in 1973, the citizens of Tift
7 County elected him sheriff and he served that office for 24 years until his retirement in 1997;
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9 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Sheriff Walker received numerous awards and
10 recognitions, some of which included: recognition as the second sheriff in the State of
11 Georgia to be a Certified Sheriff, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association Distinguished
12 Humanitarian Award, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association Outstanding Service Award, the
13 George A. Wright Memorial Award, the Liberty Bell Award, and the Exchange Club Pioneer
14 in Law Enforcement Award; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association honored Sheriff Walker on numerous
16 occasions for his contributions and dedication to the Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch, of which
17 he served as chairman; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Walker also served as vice-chairman of the Coastal Plains Sheriffs and
19 Police Intelligence Unit and as chairman of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Peace
21 Officers Association, and was honored by the City of Tifton when it renamed the portion of
22 Victory Drive where the Tift County Jail is located as "Edd Walker Way" in 2003; and

23 WHEREAS, Sheriff Walker was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tifton, the Exchange
24 Club of Tifton, the Lions Club, a lifetime member of the Tiftarea Antique Automobile Club,
25 and a member and trustee of the Tift Avenue Church of God; and

26 WHEREAS, he was known throughout the county for his white Stetson hat, his large hands
27 ready to extend a comforting handshake, and for his compassionate heart for the citizens of
28 Tift County; and

29 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Sheriff Walker ensured that Tift County was a place
30 the citizens were safe and one in which they wanted to raise their families; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Sheriff Walker will long be remembered
32 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by
33 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Edd Walker and express their deepest and most
36 sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Edd Walker.