

House Resolution 52

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Willard of the 51st, Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Patricia S. King, of the Department of Human Services,
2 Division of Aging Services, Forensic Special Investigations Unit, based upon her
3 contributions to the law enforcement profession in Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. King has been employed by the Georgia Department of Human Services
5 since December, 2006, and has worked to increase primary and secondary responders'
6 awareness of and response to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of at-risk adults in Georgia
7 through education, technical assistance, research, and case consultations; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. King met with Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan
9 on March 26, 2012, in reference to forming the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Work
10 Group, and that work group has had regular meetings since its first meeting on April 19,
11 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. King was first introduced to cases involving adult abuse while employed
13 by the Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office 15 years ago, and has worked on issues related to
14 at-risk adult abuse since that time; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. King is a registered nurse and a POST certified law enforcement officer,
16 and she has continued her nursing studies in order to be able to perform her job duties better;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. King was a major contributor to the development of, and is one of the
19 primary instructors of, a 16-hour certification curriculum titled At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics
20 (ACT) Specialist, which was first deployed in April, 2011, and has certified over 1,500
21 personnel; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. King was one of the members of the white paper committee that spent
23 several months putting together a paper titled *At Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation*

24 *in Georgia: Review and Recommendations*, which has been approved by the executive board
25 of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and published on its website; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. King worked with legislators and law enforcement officials to make
27 suggestions and assist with the passage of House Bill 78, a bill that expanded the protection
28 of disabled adults and elder persons; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. King has served the Georgia law enforcement community and the people
30 of Georgia in an exemplary manner.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Ms. Patricia S. King for her contributions to the law
33 enforcement profession in Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Ms. Patricia S. King.