

House Resolution 129

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Mabra of the 63rd, Stovall of the 74th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Victor Hill and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Victor Hill was born in Charleston, South Carolina, where he attended
4 public school and studied criminal justice at Trident Technical College; and

5 WHEREAS, he began his law enforcement career at 18 years old as a police cadet with the
6 Charleston City Police Force, a position to which he was hired by Chief Ruben Greenburg,
7 his "Law Enforcement Father"; and

8 WHEREAS, he became a full fledged police officer with the Charleston City Police Force
9 when he turned 21 years old before moving to Atlanta, Georgia, and serving with the Clayton
10 County Police Department; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hill was promoted to detective and served in the robbery and homicide
12 division before becoming the first African American hostage negotiator on the Clayton
13 County Police Force; and

14 WHEREAS, he served the State of Georgia as a member of the House of Representatives
15 during the 2003-2004 term, during which time he authored four bills that cracked down on
16 crimes related to drugs, domestic violence, use of bulletproof vests in the commission of a
17 crime, and stricter regulations on child molesters; and

18 WHEREAS, he was elected sheriff of Clayton County in 2004, making him the first African
19 American sheriff in that county's history; and

20 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hill waged an unprecedented war on crime in Clayton County, capturing
21 nine of the county's ten most wanted criminals during his first term as sheriff; and

22 WHEREAS, he created three elite task forces, the "Cobra Unit," the "Joint Vice Task Force,"
23 and the "Stalking Unit," to address the county's high crime rate, and he also initiated the most
24 successful and largest county-wide assault on drugs, "Operation Jericho"; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hill is known for running the toughest jail in Georgia by implementing
26 military boot camp standards and making inmates perform hard labor to clean up the roads
27 in the community; and

28 WHEREAS, he initiated numerous outreach programs to protect seniors, rehabilitate persons
29 with drug addictions, and deter youth from incarceration; and

30 WHEREAS, Sheriff Victor Hill was reelected in 2013, and he will continue to fight crime
31 in Clayton County and make that community a better place for its residents to live.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Sheriff Victor Hill for his contributions to his
34 community and the State of Georgia and invite him to be recognized by the House of
35 Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Sheriff
38 Victor Hill.