

Senate Resolution 297

By: Senators Jackson of the 24th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th and Heath of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant John Cook on the grand occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant John Cook retired from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office after
4 more than 40 years of law enforcement service in January, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement in August, 1974, as an officer with the
6 Grovetown Police Department before he became the Columbia County Sheriff's Office 12th
7 deputy in May, 1975; and

8 WHEREAS, he served the sheriff's office in numerous capacities during his career, including
9 road deputy, jailer, traffic officer, supervisor, and a teacher of his colleagues; and in 1981,
10 he began 15 years of service in the Criminal Investigations Division; and

11 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Cook has true compassion for his fellow citizens, and this loyal
12 public servant is looking forward to spending more time fishing after his retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Cheryl, and is blessed with three
14 amazing children and five wonderful grandchildren, with another due in April, 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
17 dramatically by his superlative service with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
19 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant John Cook has served with honor and distinction with the Columbia
21 County Sheriff's Office, and his vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for
22 public service; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Lieutenant John Cook for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
27 service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement;
28 and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lieutenant John
31 Cook.