

House Resolution 527

By: Representative Cooper of the 43rd

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 inviting her to be recognized
4 by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

9 WHEREAS, Ms. King met with Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan
10 on March 26, 2012, in reference to forming the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Work
11 Group, and that work group has had regular meetings since its first meeting on April 19,
12 2012; and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Ms. King was one of the members of the white paper committee that spent
24 several months putting together a paper titled *At Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation*
25 *in Georgia: Review and Recommendations*, which has been approved by the executive board
26 of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and published on its website; and

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Ms. Patricia S. King for her contributions to the law
34 enforcement profession in Georgia and invite her to be recognized by the House of
35 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives.

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