

House Resolution 1008

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6th, Broadrick of the 4th, and Tarvin of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James Bobby Hughes on the occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Bobby Hughes has faithfully served the State of Georgia, the
4 Department of Juvenile Justice, and its youth and staff for 28 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes has admirably held and diligently worked in the position of
6 Director of the Elbert Shaw, Jr., Regional Youth Detention Center for 18 years; and

7 WHEREAS, during his tenure there were major innovative programs and accomplishments
8 including a Greenhouse/Agriculture program initiated in 1999 and a Pet Therapy program
9 initiated in 2003 that, in 2014, was expanded to include obedience certification to help
10 Humane Society dogs become more adoptable; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2000, the facility was the first facility to successfully come out of the
12 Memorandum of Agreement with the federal Department of Juvenile Justice, and during such
13 review, the facility was recognized by the Department of Justice monitors and the U.S.
14 Department of Justice attorneys as among the top three in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2001, the facility and Mr. Hughes were recognized by the National Juvenile
16 Justice Association by receiving the Donald Hammergren Distinguished Service Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hughes's enduring devotion to public service, by upholding the highest
18 quality of state and federal standards and practices and by leadership in the provision of
19 programming, services, and education, has contributed to the enhancement of the lives of the
20 youth and staff of Whitfield, Murray, Catoosa, Dade, Walker, Fannin, Pickens, Gilmer, and
21 additional counties throughout Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, during his 28 years of service, he has touched the lives of countless students,
23 staff, and volunteers who have resided and worked at the Elbert Shaw, Jr., Regional Youth
24 Detention Center; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mr. James Bobby Hughes for his effective and dedicated
29 public service to the State of Georgia and congratulate him upon the occasion of his
30 retirement and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
31 happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
34 James Bobby Hughes.