

Senate Resolution 905

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th, Albers of the 56th, Tippins of the 37th and Hill of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Sheriff Roger D. Garrison; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Roger D. Garrison, born in Habersham County, Georgia, graduated from
3 Reinhardt University with a bachelor's degree in business and from Columbus State
4 University with a master's degree in public administration; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison began his law enforcement career with the Canton Police
6 Department, joined the Cherokee Sheriff's Office in 1981, and became a State Ranger with
7 the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, he was elected Sheriff of Cherokee County in 1992 and is currently serving his
9 6th consecutive term, making him the longest serving sheriff in Cherokee County history;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison has increased the training requirements of officers to double
12 the standards mandated by the State of Georgia and requires command staff officers to
13 receive 60 hours of executive training annually; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison has increased the agency's number of law enforcement
15 instructors, many who hold specialized certifications, to more than 60 and created a
16 multiagency training program to ensure all law enforcement officers serving inside Cherokee
17 County receive the same quality instruction regardless of jurisdiction; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison has increased the education level of the Cherokee Sheriff's
19 Office by providing 110 officers an opportunity to complete the Professional Management
20 Program through the Law Enforcement Command College, and through a partnership with
21 Reinhardt University, more than 60 officers have completed a bachelor's degree, and 26
22 officers have completed a master's degree in public administration at Columbus State
23 University through the Law Enforcement Command College; and

24 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison is a 1996 graduate of the FBI National Academy and a
25 graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, the National
26 Sheriffs' Institute, and the Regional Leadership Institute in Atlanta, and he holds an
27 Executive Certification from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; and

28 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison currently serves as the Board Chairman of the Peace Officers'
29 Annuity and Benefit Fund, on the Board of Corrections, and on the Executive Board of the
30 Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; and

31 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison has been involved in civic activities for the past 20 years,
32 serving as a board member of the American Cancer Society and as a member of the Chamber
33 of Commerce, Cherokee Council on Child Abuse, Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad,
34 *Georgia Trend* 40 under 40, A-Day for Reinhardt, and the Fulton County Courthouse
35 Security Task Force; and

36 WHEREAS, Sheriff Garrison has raised \$475,122.00 for Sheriff Roger Garrison Charities
37 to benefit local charities, including Meals on Wheels, Boys and Girls Club, Cherokee CASA,
38 and the Anna Crawford Children's Center; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 honor Sheriff Roger D. Garrison for his effective and dedicated public service to his
43 community and the State of Georgia.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
45 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sheriff Roger D.
46 Garrison.