

Senate Resolution 932

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Watson of the 1st, Williams of the 27th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program and commending the
2 commitment to excellence on the part of the employees of state certified law enforcement
3 agencies; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1990 the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program was first created
5 in collaboration with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Sheriffs'
6 Association, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Association County Commissioners of
7 Georgia, the Georgia Police Officer Standards and Training Council, and the Department of
8 Community Affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1996 a partial committee was formed of law enforcement professionals to
10 create a standards manual that would establish a viable, functioning, and workable program;
11 the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program became administratively attached to the
12 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, was endorsed by the State of Georgia and its
13 honorable Governor, and was fully created; and

14 WHEREAS, as of today agencies are required to meet 129 separate standards across eight
15 different chapters which cover a wide array of law enforcement activities accentuating the
16 most current, practical, and relevant topics and policies, such as role and responsibility,
17 organization and management, personnel, legal, operations, support services, communication,
18 and holding areas; and

19 WHEREAS, the benchmarks, commonly known as standards or best practices requirements,
20 provide a description of what must be accomplished by the agency while allowing the agency
21 the latitude in determining how it will achieve compliance with the standards; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police administers, refines, and updates
23 the standards to reflect the most current and modern public safety trends making the Georgia
24 Law Enforcement Certification Program a standard for all agencies to attempt to achieve; and

25 WHEREAS, the public confidence in the agencies that are state certified is often reflected
26 in the reduction of some liability costs provided by insurers; and

27 WHEREAS, the success of this program is evident in that an aggregate of 124 premier law
28 enforcement agencies are now state certified, including some municipal, county, university,
29 K-12, and state agencies.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program and commend the
32 commitment to excellence on the part of the employees of state certified law enforcement
33 agencies, thanking them for serving the citizens of the State of Georgia with the utmost
34 integrity, and thereby solidifying public confidence in the state certification program and all
35 of the law enforcement agencies comprising the program.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
38 Association of Chiefs of Police.