

House Resolution 1474

By: Representative Pirkle of the 155<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Turner County Sheriff Andy Hester; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Andy Hester bravely negotiated the peaceful surrender of a robbery  
3 suspect from Union, South Carolina, on February 10, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hester, with the help of other agencies, arrested Glen Roth who was  
5 wanted for robbing a bank in Union, South Carolina, that morning; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Turner County Sheriff's office received a "Be On the Look Out" (BOLO)  
7 call from South Carolina authorities regarding the bank robbery suspect; en route to check  
8 the area around the Ashburn Best Western hotel, Sheriff Hester located the suspect's vehicle;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hester entered the lobby, remaining level headed, and made contact  
11 with the suspect via a phone call to his room; and
- 12 WHEREAS, using a calm, strategic approach and applying many years of experience in law  
13 enforcement, Sheriff Hester convinced the suspect to surrender without incident; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Hester prevented a potentially dangerous situation from escalating; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia commends and recognizes Sheriff Andy Hester, the  
16 Georgia State Patrol, and the Ashburn Police Department for coordinating a peaceful  
17 surrender of the bank robbery suspect in Turner County.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body recognize and commend Turner County Sheriff Andy Hester, and  
20 extend to him their most sincere gratitude and wishes for continued health and happiness.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
23 Sheriff Andy Hester.