

Senate Resolution 27

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chief William "Kent" Lawrence on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief William "Kent" Lawrence has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Eatonton Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, appointed on December 1, 1986, he was the youngest Chief of Police in the
10 State of Georgia at that time; he is known as the "People's Chief" in the City of Eatonton and
11 in Putnam County because of his active involvement in the community and his willingness
12 to go the extra mile to help any citizen in need; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Eatonton Police Department has grown in size and
14 influence and is now staffed with officers and communications officers 24 hours a day; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Lawrence's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
16 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
17 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
18 associates; and

19 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction as Chief of the Eatonton Police
20 Department for 30 years, and his vision and unyielding commitment to law enforcement and
21 public safety will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Chief William "Kent" Lawrence for his efficient, effective,
26 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
27 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
28 health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief William
31 "Kent" Lawrence.