

## Senate Resolution 156

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Jeffares of the 17th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chief Paul D. Cooper on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Paul D. Cooper has long been recognized by the citizens of Columbia  
4 County, Georgia, for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
5 commitment to the fire service in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently devoted over 44 years of his time, talents, and energy toward  
7 the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his service as Chief  
8 of Columbia County Fire Rescue; and

9 WHEREAS, his invaluable leadership has greatly benefited Columbia County and is  
10 apparent in the county's growth and performance of the fire service; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Cooper's organizational talents, his remarkable patience and commitment,  
12 his sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of the county have earned  
13 him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

14 WHEREAS, he is a person of renowned strengths with an impeccable reputation for  
15 integrity, intelligence, and kindness; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Cooper served with honor and distinction for 44 years, from 1972 to  
17 2016, with the Martinez Volunteer Fire Department and Columbia County Fire Rescue, and  
18 his unyielding commitment to overseeing the personnel and services offered to Columbia  
19 County citizens have set the standard for fire service; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize and commend Chief Paul D. Cooper for his efficient and dedicated public service  
24 to Columbia County and the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of  
25 his retirement, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief Paul D.  
28 Cooper.