

Senate Resolution 499

By: Senators Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Garden City's Police Chief David L. Lyons on being named
2 the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police 2016 Outstanding Chief of the Year; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Police Chief David L. Lyons was a commissioned officer in the US Military
5 and upon completion of that distinguished career he began a career in local law enforcement
6 which includes many positions and assignments. Since 1997 Chief Lyons has served the
7 Great State of Georgia as a Police Chief with three departments. He now serves as the Police
8 Chief of Garden City and has done so since May 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, his dedication and service to the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police are
10 exemplified by his support for the association with his time and work, his tenure on the
11 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Board of Directors, culminating with him being
12 president of the association during the 2013-2014 year, and for his positions on the Georgia
13 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and he currently serves as an officer,
14 representing Police Chiefs in Georgia by serving on the SACOP Board for the International
15 Association of Chiefs of Police; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Lyons, despite encountering complex administrative problems when he
17 accepted command of the Garden City Police Department, was able to spearhead, within a
18 short 14 months, that department to achieve Georgia State Certification, bestowed to the
19 department by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and within two and a half years
20 he led the department to receive national accreditation from the Commission for
21 Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and to this date, both special law
22 enforcement accolades remain in whole; and

23 WHEREAS, a hardworking and community oriented man, he helped to prepare and serve
24 Friday night suppers at the Garden City Senior Center, established a free fan program that
25 takes up donations to purchase box fans and supply them to the elderly and to low income

26 families with children, and works to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to needy
27 families and presents for needy children who otherwise might be without a memorable
28 Christmas morning; and

29 WHEREAS, Chief Lyons serves on many civic and professional organization boards, has
30 participated in the 16th delegation of the Georgia Israeli Law Enforcement Exchange
31 (GILEE), was selected in 2015 to travel to the Republic of Georgia to assess that governing
32 authority's law enforcement concerns, and in part because of his efforts and many
33 professional accomplishments, the Garden City Police Department was selected by *Georgia*
34 *Trend Magazine* as one of the 2016 Best Places to Work in Georgia; and

35 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
36 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
37 enthusiasm have distinguished his unmatched service to this state; and his friendship is
38 regarded by everyone as a special experience which they will always treasure; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 recognize Police Chief David L. Lyons and commend him for his exemplary career and wish
43 him the best for his future.

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 Police Chief
46 David L. Lyons.