

Senate Resolution 494

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Willie James Rosser on the grand occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willie James Rosser has 4.5 years in his current position with the Henry County
4 Police Department and over 40 years of dedicated and exemplary service in law enforcement;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, born in Meriwether County, Georgia, on September 26, 1956, to the late Glenn
7 C. Rosser and Eva M. Rosser, he attended McCrary Elementary School, graduated eighth
8 grade from Luthersville Elementary, and attended Greenville All Boys High School; and

9 WHEREAS, Willie joined the United States Army straight out of high school and began his
10 military career as a Supply Clerk, with a secondary MOS as a Petroleum Specialist, allowing
11 him to learn to drive trucks, and he was assigned to the Military Police for six months as a
12 Unit Policeman; and

13 WHEREAS, he served three years at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs before ending his
14 military tour of duty in 1977, and he was appointed to the rank of Acting Sergeant with less
15 than two years of military service; and

16 WHEREAS, after his discharge, Willie joined the Meriwether County Sheriff's Office as a
17 Radio Dispatcher, and while serving as dispatcher, he also worked as a part-time Police
18 Officer with the City of Greenville, Georgia, and in 1978, he was hired as a full-time Police
19 Officer with the City of Luthersville in Luthersville, Georgia, where he attained the rank of
20 Sergeant and remained in this capacity for three and a half years; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1981, Willie moved to Decatur, Georgia, and began working for the City of
22 Decatur Police Department and during his tenure there, he served as a Road Officer,
23 Motorcycle Traffic Officer, and Investigator, investigating major and minor crimes; and

24 WHEREAS, he served the beautiful City of Decatur for more than nine years and after being
25 recognized for his extensive experience and dedication, he was recruited by the Henry
26 County Police Department in McDonough, Georgia, in 1993; and

27 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Willie served as Police Officer, Detective, Narcotics Agent,
28 and Internal Affairs Investigator, and while in Internal Affairs, he served as a public
29 information officer and background specialist and was one of the original board members
30 who helped to rejuvenate the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigation Association; and

31 WHEREAS, he served faithfully on the board for three years before being elected as the Vice
32 President of the agency from 2002-2003 and was also a member of the National Internal
33 Affairs Investigators Association and served as an Executive Board member; and

34 WHEREAS, Willie's affiliations include the National Association of Chiefs of Police
35 International and the Georgia Association of Sheriffs and Police, and he was a member of
36 the National Information Officers Association for more than seven years; and

37 WHEREAS, to further his exemplary career, Willie resigned from Henry County in May
38 2003 to accept a position with the City of Lithonia as an Investigator, and on September 2,
39 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Largely in part to his dedication to law
40 enforcement, he accepted this position without a pay increase and was promoted to the rank
41 of Captain in December 2003; and

42 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2004, Willie was again promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief,
43 where he served in the capacity of the Chief of Police; and

44 WHEREAS, after completing Chief School and all required criteria, he was promoted to the
45 distinguished rank of Chief of Police on May 2, 2004, and served faithfully in this capacity
46 where he and his officers were committed to serving the city and the citizens of Lithonia,
47 Georgia; after seven years of remarkable service with the City of Lithonia Police
48 Department, he resigned as Chief of Police on May 4, 2010; and

49 WHEREAS, to add to his already impeccable experience, Willie accepted a position with the
50 Greenville Police Department where he served as a Patrol Officer until July 2011 and on
51 July 25, 2011, he was rehired by the Henry County Police Department as a Police Officer,
52 and later promoted to Police Detective, where he served in this capacity until he retired from
53 his outstanding career in law enforcement on April 7, 2017; and

54 WHEREAS, Willie has faithfully utilized his law enforcement experience by serving as the
55 Security Team Leader at his church, New Beginning Full Gospel Church for over 22 years
56 and he currently resides in Lithonia with his wife, Harriett.

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
58 recognize Willie James Rosser for his outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia and
59 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
61 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Willie James
62 Rosser.