

Senate Resolution 510

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Police Chief Gary Sparks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Police Chief Gary Sparks has served with honor and distinction with the
3 Douglasville Police Department since 1987; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement as a Military Police Officer in the
5 United States Army after becoming the first African American from Douglasville to become
6 a commissioned officer; and
- 7 WHEREAS, now the first African American police chief of Douglasville, he dedicates
8 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community
9 and state as evidenced dramatically by his service and accomplishments; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Police Chief Sparks is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for
11 excellence in all of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the
12 citizens of Douglasville; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
14 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
15 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion
17 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his
18 duties; and
- 19 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
20 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
23 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the
24 citizens of this state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by Police Chief
27 Gary Sparks in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation; congratulate him on
28 becoming the Police Chief of Douglasville; and express their utmost appreciation for having
29 so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Police Chief Gary
32 Sparks.