

House Resolution 1378

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Chief Gary Eugene Sparks for his outstanding public service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2015, Gary Eugene Sparks became the first African American to be sworn
4 in as police chief of the City of Douglasville; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Sparks has demonstrated excellence in the administration and governance
6 of the City of Douglasville; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Sparks' department has demonstrated excellence in receiving the Single
8 Agency Civil Rights Award from the International Association of Police Chiefs for the City
9 of Douglasville; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Sparks has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
11 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
12 citizens of Douglasville and the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
14 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his
15 superlative Youth Against Violence Program, which is proactively aimed at alleviating gang
16 and youth violence; and

17 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his keen sense of vision,
18 his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his city and state, and his remarkable rise
19 through the ranks of the City of Douglasville's Police Department since 1987 have earned
20 him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, and fairness; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Sparks has served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and
24 his vision and unyielding commitment to excellence has set a standard for public service; and

25 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army as a military police officer after becoming
26 the first African American from Douglasville to become a commissioned officer; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor Chief Gary Eugene Sparks for his efficient, effective,
31 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
32 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
35 Gary Eugene Sparks.