

## House Resolution 140

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Rhodes of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Knight of the 130<sup>th</sup>, McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, and Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Colonel Eddie Henderson on his 36-year career with DNR  
2 Law Enforcement in service to the citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Eddie Henderson began his career with the Georgia Department of  
4 Natural Resources in 1982 as a Game Warden in Wilcox County in Region VI in South  
5 Georgia, and immediately began exhibiting an exceptional work ethic and distinguishing  
6 himself among his peers; and

7 WHEREAS, in the early years, he worked hard at developing skills and traits that would  
8 serve him well as he was promoted into leadership roles later in his career; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Henderson was promoted to Corporal and then to Sergeant in Region  
10 VI, where he immediately began developing those he supervised; and

11 WHEREAS, his dedication to the profession created advancement opportunities for him as  
12 he was promoted to Captain in Northeast Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2001, he moved to headquarters, first becoming a Major and then Lt.  
14 Colonel, and in 2012 he was promoted to Colonel; and

15 WHEREAS, his positive contributions throughout his career, but particularly during his time  
16 as Colonel, include the implementation of a field force deployment matrix that garnered  
17 funding for additional Game Wardens, the deployment of a computer-aided dispatch and  
18 records management system, and vast equipment improvements and upgrades such as new  
19 patrol rifles and back-up pistols for every sworn officer; and

20 WHEREAS, Colonel Henderson's most significant accomplishments, which required vision,  
21 tenacity, perseverance, and tact to see through to completion, and will ultimately define his

22 legacy, were securing pay parity with other agencies for all Game Wardens and the creation  
23 of the Law Enforcement Division; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has been fortunate to have  
25 Colonel Henderson at the helm of the Law Enforcement Division where he has successfully  
26 pursued the mission of the Department and has relentlessly sought opportunities to make  
27 those around him shine, while leading one of the most efficient, effective, and well-respected  
28 conservation law enforcement divisions in the nation.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Colonel Eddie Henderson for his outstanding career with  
31 the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division and wish him well  
32 in his retirement.

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  
35 Colonel Eddie Henderson.