

Senate Resolution 203

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Colonel Eddie Henderson on his 37-year career with DNR
2 Law Enforcement in service to the citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Colonel Eddie Henderson was presented the
4 prestigious Guy Bradley Award for his lifetime contributions to wildlife law enforcement,
5 wildlife forensics, and investigative techniques; and

6 WHEREAS, this award recognizes extraordinary individuals who have made an outstanding
7 lifetime contribution to wildlife law enforcement; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, his positive contributions throughout his career, but particularly during his time
21 as Colonel, include the implementation of a field force deployment matrix that garnered

22 funding for additional Game Wardens, the deployment of a computer-aided dispatch and
23 records management system, and vast equipment improvements and upgrades such as new
24 patrol rifles and back-up pistols for every sworn officer; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Henderson's most significant accomplishments, which required vision,
26 tenacity, perseverance, and tact to see through to completion, and will ultimately define his
27 legacy, were securing pay parity with other agencies for all Game Wardens and the creation
28 of the Law Enforcement Division; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Colonel Eddie Henderson for his outstanding career with the Georgia Department
36 of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division and wish him well in his retirement.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Colonel Eddie
39 Henderson.