

Senate Resolution 669

By: Senator Hatchett of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Public Safety on the occasion of
2 its 85th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Safety was created on March 19, 1937, in
4 response to the huge increase in the number of motor vehicles on Georgia roads and the
5 numerous traffic crashes involving injuries and deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has been the foundation from which several
7 separate state agencies have been created through the years, including the Georgia Bureau
8 of Investigation, Department of Driver Services, GBI Crime Lab, Peace Officers Standards
9 and Training Council (POST), Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Georgia Police
10 Academy, and Georgia Crime Information Center; and

11 WHEREAS, under its current leadership of Commissioner and Chief Executive Christopher
12 C. Wright, Deputy Commissioner Lieutenant Colonel William W. Hitchens III, Director of
13 Support/Administrative Operation Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie L. Stallings, and Chief of
14 Staff Major Joshua Lamb, the Georgia Department of Public Safety oversees the day-to-day
15 operations of the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the
16 Capitol Police; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol troopers investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic
18 and criminal laws on the state's roads under the leadership of Major Kendrick Lowe and
19 Major Robert Balkcom; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol has been one of the leading law enforcement agencies
21 in the country with regards to new technology and innovations; and

22 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Major Thornell King, the officers with the Capitol
23 Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes, manage street closures for
24 events, patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings,
25 provide courtroom security for the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, conduct
26 security assessments and surveillance detection, and deliver personal safety training for state
27 employees; and

28 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Major Wayne Mobley, the Motor Carrier Compliance
29 Division performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at roadsides,
30 inspection stations, and carriers' terminals while promoting the safe operation of commercial
31 motor vehicles; and

32 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work
33 cooperatively with all levels of government to provide safe environment for residents and
34 visitors of this state while adhering to its core values of trust, fortitude, professionalism, and
35 compassion.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 recognize and commend the Georgia Department of Public Safety for 85 years of efficient,

38 unselfish, courteous, and dedicated public service to the welfare of the citizens of the State
39 of Georgia.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
42 Department of Public Safety.