

Senate Resolution 726

By: Senator Au of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Johns Creek Police Chief Mark Mitchell; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Mark Mitchell has more than 14 years of command level experience in
4 police administration, criminal investigations, special operations, juvenile justice, and
5 behavioral issues including mental illness or crisis intervention and was sworn in to serve as
6 the police chief of Johns Creek in June of 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell has a clear vision for establishing a winning culture of trust,
8 respect, inclusion, and professional development within the Johns Creek Police Department;
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10 WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell's experience and approach to 21st century policing have had a
11 positive impact within the City of Johns Creek since his appointment; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell has fostered a culture of community involvement and support
13 which is key to the Johns Creek Police Department's success through comprehensive
14 community services for residents and businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, under Chief Mitchell's leadership, teams for policing alternatives and
16 community policing have been successfully implemented to better serve all members of the
17 Johns Creek community, including: the Johns Creek Police Department's Clinician & Officer
18 Response Team (CORT), which provides a targeted alternative approach to mental health
19 crises within the Johns Creek Community; the PACT (Police and Community Together)
20 program, which allows residents and police officers to work together to identify issues in
21 neighborhoods to prevent future crimes and clarify any misinformation about alleged
22 criminal incidents; and the Citizen Auxiliary Police Services (CAPS), which assist police by
23 handling many necessary functions that don't require a law enforcement officer, such as
24 community programs, directing traffic, patrolling parks, conducting residential checks, and
25 helping with administrative work; and

26 WHEREAS, with almost three decades of law enforcement experience, Chief Mitchell's
27 knowledge of public engagement, building trust, and creating lasting relationships within
28 diverse communities has become abundantly clear through his approach to alternative models
29 of policing and community engagement.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Johns Creek Police Chief Mark Mitchell for his exceptional service
32 and contributions to the City of Johns Creek.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Johns Creek Police
35 Chief Mark Mitchell.