

House Resolution 1250

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Chief Stone Mathis and Columbus Police Department for being named the
2 Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates' Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the
3 Year; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department (CPD) has been named the recipient of the
5 Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates' Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the
6 Year Award; and

7 WHEREAS, this prestigious award recognizes a law enforcement agency that demonstrates
8 strong leadership, progress, and commitment to professional excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, CPD was selected for its recent work in reducing crime, increasing staffing,
10 leadership development, and modernization; and

11 WHEREAS, CPD has addressed challenges over the years through deliberate and strategic
12 resets that focus on accountability, community policing, and taking care of the men and
13 women who risk their lives on behalf of the safety of the citizens of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, in less than two years, CPD has reached full staffing, improved officer pay,
15 boosted morale, and made major investments in technology including implementation of
16 Columbus' Real Time Crime Center, expanded camera and license plate reader programs,
17 upgraded body-worn and in-car cameras, drone capabilities, and modernized records and
18 dispatch systems; and

19 WHEREAS, measurable results including a more than 30 percent drop in Part I crimes, a 29
20 percent drop in violent crimes, and a case clearance rate that exceeds national average
21 reflects CPD's commitment to excellence and progression; and

22 WHEREAS, CPD brings pride to its officers, leadership, and the citizens of Columbus,
23 Georgia, with the honor of being named the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy
24 Associates' Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body congratulate Chief Stone Mathis and Columbus Police Department
27 for being named the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates' Phyllis
28 Goodwin Agency of the Year.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Columbus Police Department.