

## Senate Resolution 395

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Melody M. Maddox; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Melody M. Maddox has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to  
3 public safety and law enforcement throughout her distinguished career, which spans more  
4 than 20 years of service with numerous agencies in the metropolitan Atlanta area; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 2008, she applied her expertise to the creation of the public safety office for  
6 DeKalb Technical College, now Georgia Piedmont Technical College, where she became  
7 assistant chief of police and was appointed thereafter as the institution's first female chief of  
8 police, making history as the only woman to hold such a position within the Technical  
9 College System of Georgia's 22 colleges; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2013, Sheriff Maddox left her position as chief of police to pursue her  
11 long-standing goal of serving as an elected official in law enforcement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she returned to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office in 2019 as chief of  
13 administration and was subsequently promoted to chief deputy, the highest-ranking  
14 non-elected position in the agency, where she oversaw critical functions of the jail, courts,  
15 and training operations; and

16 WHEREAS, following the retirement of Sheriff Mann, she was appointed to complete the  
17 remainder of his unexpired term and was sworn in as DeKalb County's 50th sheriff on  
18 December 1, 2019, where she has since served with honor and distinction; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox's professional affiliations include the Georgia Association of  
20 Chiefs of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs'  
21 Association, National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives, Women in  
22 Public Safety, and the DeKalb County Chief's Association; and

23 WHEREAS, she further serves her community as a dedicated member of the DeKalb County  
24 NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Women for Morris Brown College, Saint  
25 Philip AME Church, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and  
27 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the  
28 citizens of this state.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Sheriff Melody M. Maddox for her exceptional service in law  
31 enforcement and her invaluable contributions to the DeKalb County community as well as  
32 extend best wishes for continued success.

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 Sheriff Melody  
35 M. Maddox.