

## House Resolution 925

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Momtahan of the 17<sup>th</sup>, New of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Gary Gullede; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Gary Gullede served with honor and distinction as the 47th sheriff of  
3 the Paulding County Sheriff's Office from 2008 until his retirement in 2024, concluding his  
4 exemplary 34-year career in law enforcement where it first began in 1990; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Sheriff Gullede held roles such as jailer, patrol deputy,  
6 warrant officer, and K-9 deputy, with much of his pre-sheriff service spent in the K-9  
7 Division, where he and K-9 Basco became the first dual purpose K-9 team in the  
8 department's history; and

9 WHEREAS, as sheriff, he remained accessible to his constituents, represented the Office of  
10 Sheriff with fairness and professionalism, and played a critical role in overseeing the  
11 department's growth, including the development of a new training facility in 2016 and the  
12 design and construction of a new law enforcement facility and detention center in 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, he contributed to law enforcement initiatives across the state, serving on the  
14 Georgia Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors and Legislative Committee as well as its  
15 regional vice president for Region 1; and

16 WHEREAS, he further served as part of the Georgia Commission on Medical Cannabis, the  
17 Georgia Department of Corrections Board, the Advisory Board of the Northwest Georgia  
18 Law Enforcement Training Center, and as chairman of the Haralson-Paulding Drug  
19 Taskforce Control Board; and

20 WHEREAS, Sheriff Gulledge's unyielding commitment to public safety has left a lasting  
21 impact on Paulding County and set a high standard for future generations of law enforcement  
22 professionals; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
27 exhibited by Sheriff Gary Gulledge in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation,  
28 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend the most sincere best  
29 wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Sheriff Gary Gulledge.