

House Resolution 1423

By: Representatives Neal of the 79th, Williams of the 168th, Myles of the 126th, Hugley of the 141st, Griffin of the 149th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement
2 Executives in recognition of Georgia Chapter of NOBLE Day at the capitol on March 18,
3 2026, and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Organization of Black Law
4 Enforcement Executives as a nationally recognized law enforcement organization; and for
5 other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Inc.,
7 (NOBLE) is a not-for-profit public service organization founded in September 1976, when
8 top-ranking Black law enforcement executives representing 24 states and 55 major cities met
9 in Washington, D.C., and recognized that Black law enforcement executives could have a
10 significant impact on the criminal justice system through a unified voice; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2026, NOBLE commemorates its 50th Anniversary, marking five decades
12 of national leadership, advocacy, professional excellence, and service as one of the most
13 respected and influential law enforcement organizations in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, one of the national founding members, Atlanta Public Safety Director George
15 Napper, was the impetus behind the formation of the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE in 1984;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE was created in 1984 by NOBLE members from
18 across the State of Georgia to organize their collective efforts and to advance the goals and
19 objectives of the organization, and since that time the chapter has played an active role in
20 promoting positive relationships between communities and criminal justice agencies; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE has provided exceptional opportunities for
22 executive leadership training and mentorship for aspiring leaders in law enforcement for
23 more than four decades; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE holds the distinction of having elected nine
25 national presidents from its membership: Atlanta Public Safety Director George Napper,
26 Georgia Bureau of Investigation Inspector Moses Ector, Fulton County Police Department
27 Chief Louis Graham, Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett, Atlanta Police Department Chief
28 Richard Pennington, DeKalb County Director of Public Safety Dr. Cedric Alexander,
29 Clayton County Schools Police Department Chief Clarence E. Cox III, Atlanta Police
30 Department Deputy Chief Cerelyn Davis, and Atlanta Police Department Chief Rodney
31 Bryant; and

32 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE further holds the distinction of having elected
33 Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett as the first woman national president, who is also
34 recognized as the first African American woman elected to the office of sheriff in the United
35 States; and

36 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE elected its first woman president in
37 its history, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Natalie Ammons; and

38 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE is committed to building positive community
39 partnerships and advancing progressive policy positions that protect citizens' rights and
40 enhance the effectiveness and integrity of the criminal justice system; and

41 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of NOBLE is guided by its principles of respect,
42 uncompromising integrity, courage of convictions, accountability, community, diversity, and
43 mentorship; and

44 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize Georgia Chapter of NOBLE Day at the
45 Capitol this year and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Organization of Black
46 Law Enforcement Executives, honoring its enduring commitment to equity in the
47 administration of justice, excellence in public service, and service as the conscience of law
48 enforcement.

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES tha
50 the members of this body commend the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of
51 Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); recognize March 18, 2026, as Georgia
52 Chapter of NOBLE Day at the capitol this year; and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the
53 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives as a nationally recognized law
54 enforcement organization.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
56 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
57 Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.