

Senate Resolution 866

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st, Setzler of the 37th and Strickland of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Statesboro Police Department's Community Information
2 Specialist, Ruth Atchely; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ruth Atchely has diligently and conscientiously served with the Statesboro
4 Police Department beginning in 2021 as a Front Counter Clerk, and since 2024, as the
5 Community Information Specialist; and

6 WHEREAS, the Community Information Specialist's duties include developing programs
7 and activities that promote the agency and increase visibility of the department; speaking to
8 groups, schools, and civic organizations about special programs and law enforcement; and
9 responding to media requests and maintaining the department's social media networks; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2025, Ruth designed, coordinated, and participated in more than 65
11 community events, engaging individuals and organizations across the community and
12 beyond; and

13 WHEREAS, Ruth's clever, humorous, and witty social media presence has brought attention
14 to the Statesboro Police Department's social media pages; and

15 WHEREAS, since January 1, 2026, Ruth's work has helped increase the Statesboro Police
16 Department's following from 39,000 to 76,300 followers in just under a month and a half;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, furthermore, in just 28 days, the department's Facebook page received more
19 than 29 million views and 39,000 content interactions from all over the world; and

20 WHEREAS, through her social media presence, Ruth has highlighted the positive aspects of
21 law enforcement and the Statesboro Police Department on the world stage; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this extraordinary Georgian is
23 appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend the Statesboro Police Department's Community Information
26 Specialist, Ruth Atchely.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ruth Atchely.