

## House Resolution 2056

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup> and Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sheriff Mark Melton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Mark Melton has served with honor and distinction as Sheriff of  
3 Appling County, Georgia, since January 1, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Melton graduated from Valdosta State University in 1985 with a degree  
5 in Criminal Justice and began his law enforcement career with the Department of Corrections  
6 as a State Probation Officer; and
- 7 WHEREAS, throughout his career he held prestigious roles such as Office Manager,  
8 Compliance and Training Coordinator, Field Training Officer, Statewide Program  
9 Coordinator for all Specialized Probation Supervision, and Investigator; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Melton was also a team leader in an undercover capacity during the  
11 1996 Centennial Olympic Games held in Atlanta as well as was on the security detail for the  
12 G8 Presidential Summit in Savannah, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all  
14 of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of  
15 Appling County; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Melton selflessly devotes innumerable hours of his time and talents to  
17 educating future generations of law enforcement officials; and

18 WHEREAS, he has taught thousands of hours for various law enforcement agencies across  
19 the state as well as serves as a Criminal Justice Instructor for Altamaha Technical College  
20 and an instructor with the District Attorney's Office; and

21 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local  
22 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration  
23 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

24 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion  
25 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his  
26 duties; and

27 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of  
28 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;  
29 and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
35 exhibited by Sheriff Mark Melton in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and  
36 express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the  
37 meaning of public servant.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
40 Sheriff Mark Melton.