

House Resolution 1314

By: Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th, and Fleming of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sheriff Joe Chapman on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Joe Chapman, a life-long resident of Walton County, Georgia, served
3 in the United States Armed Forces for 22 years and was honorably discharged after obtaining
4 the rank of first sergeant; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chapman began a career in public safety in 1987 with the City of
6 Monroe Police Department and subsequently joined the Walton County Sheriff's Office,
7 where he faithfully served the communities of Walton County as a certified peace officer for
8 the next 17 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, upon gaining the trust and confidence of the citizens of Walton County, Sheriff
10 Chapman was duly elected as the sheriff of Walton County in 2004; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chapman has served as sheriff of Walton County honorably and
12 professionally and has been duly re-elected over the last 20 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chapman has been designated to serve on numerous state and local
14 boards and committees, and he has started numerous philanthropic organizations that have
15 benefitted the citizens of Walton County, specifically the youth; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chapman has been a loving husband to his wife, Tammy, and a devoted
17 father to his three sons, Jake, Josh, and Jordan; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chapman has now made the decision to retire from public service and
19 not stand for re-election.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Sheriff Joe Chapman for his stellar career and service
22 to Walton County, Georgia, and extend best wishes for his continued health and happiness
23 in retirement.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Sheriff Joe Chapman.