

House Resolution 350

By: Representatives Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>, and Blackmon of the 146<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Cullen Talton upon his 50th career anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Cullen Talton was elected as sheriff of Houston County, Georgia, in  
3 1972, and he has since dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward the  
4 betterment of his community; and

5 WHEREAS, a lifelong Houston County resident, he has overseen the growth of the Houston  
6 County Sheriff's Department from 28 employees to more than 300, and prior to his  
7 appointment as sheriff, he served as a Houston County commissioner; and

8 WHEREAS, he has been recognized by his peers through the many decorations and honors  
9 he has received, including the Georgia Sheriffs' Association's 2019 Sheriff of the Year award,  
10 and he holds the title of longest serving sheriff in both the State of Georgia and the United  
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Cullen Talton is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for  
13 excellence in all of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the  
14 citizens of Houston County; and

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

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

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

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication  
29 exhibited daily by Sheriff Cullen Talton upon the grand occasion of his 50th career  
30 anniversary and express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for  
31 others the meaning of public servant.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Sheriff Cullen Talton.