

House Resolution 1652

By: Representatives Powell of the 33rd and Erwin of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Randy Shirley on his outstanding public service as
2 Sheriff of Stephens County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Randy Shirley graduated from Stephens County High School in 1973;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he attended Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia, where he graduated
6 Cum Laude, earning his Bachelor of Science degree, double majoring in Public
7 Administration and Criminal Justice; and

8 WHEREAS, he was on the National Dean's list 1985-1985 and 1985-1986, in Who's Who
9 among students in American Universities and Colleges, and was a member of Phi Beta
10 Sigma Honor Society; and

11 WHEREAS, he served with the Toccoa Police Department as an officer from January 1974
12 to July 1980, where he was assigned to two specialized units in traffic enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, he continued his career in law enforcement, joining the Stephens County
14 Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff in July 1980, and was promoted to Investigator from
15 1987 to 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, in January 1997 he became a Special Agent for the Georgia Department of
17 Labor in the Atlanta office; and

18 WHEREAS, he was Chief of Police at the Lavonia Police Department from 1999 to 2008,
19 during which time the agency obtained State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification,
20 formed an Investigative Division, and was teamed with the mayor and city council in
21 building a new police headquarters in downtown Lavonia, dedicated to the late Mayor Ralph
22 Owens; and

23 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Office of Sheriff in 2008 and is currently serving his
24 fourth term as Sheriff of Stephens County; and

25 WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Deal to serve on the Georgia Public Pension
26 Board as a trustee, and was reappointed by Governor Kemp; serves on the Board of Trustees
27 at Toccoa Falls College; is a board member of Toccoa Salvation Army; serves on the Board
28 of the Boys and Girls Club; serves on state-wide and nationwide committees; is past
29 president of the Toccoa Lions Club; is a member of the Toccoa Optimist Club, Toccoa
30 Shriners Club, and Tri-City Law Enforcement Conference, and served as President of the
31 Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes from July 2020 to July 2021; and

32 WHEREAS, he has been married for 47 years to Cheryl, and they have one daughter, Mandy,
33 who recently married Phillip Haynes, and they are members of Hill Street Baptist Church
34 where he serves as deacon and assistant treasurer; and

35 WHEREAS, he exemplifies a family tradition, following in the footsteps of his father, and
36 grandfather, who both served as Sheriff of Stephens County; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
38 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend Sheriff Randy Shirley for his efficient,
41 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
42 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
43 continued health and happiness.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
46 Sheriff Randy Shirley.