

## House Resolution 1501

By: Representatives Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 125<sup>th</sup>, and Sims of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant John W. Ivey on the occasion of his retirement;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant John W. Ivey has long been recognized by the citizens of the state  
4 for the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia as evidenced by his 36 year professional law enforcement career;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ivey was born in Richmond County, the beloved son of Fred and  
8 Rosa Ivey; and

9 WHEREAS, he attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, and before completing  
10 his degree, he left Morris Brown to fulfill his obligation to the military by joining the United  
11 States Marine Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, valiantly and  
13 courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War, where he suffered  
14 multiple injuries when his helicopter was struck by enemy fire, requiring his return to  
15 America for treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ivey exercised the option to retire and began working in Augusta,  
17 Georgia, as a teacher and Dean of Discipline at C.T. Walker; and

18 WHEREAS, he joined the Augusta Police Department in December of 1979, where he  
19 ascended to the rank of Lieutenant while leading multiple departments and action teams, such  
20 as Violent Crimes, and in 1994, he earned his FBI certification at the FBI Academy in  
21 Quantico, Virginia; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Colis Hankerson Ivey and is blessed with  
23 four wonderful children, Johnathan, Mark, Benjamin, and Diane, and eight remarkable  
24 grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lieutenant Ivey is a very proud member of  
26 Bethel AME Church; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Lieutenant John W. Ivey for his efficient, unselfish, and  
31 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion  
32 of his retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
33 happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 Lieutenant John W. Ivey.