

House Resolution 1651

By: Representative Powell of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Mike Cleveland on his outstanding public service as  
2 Sheriff of Hart County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Mike Cleveland attended Hart County High School, where he played  
4 on the football team and graduated in 1965; and

5 WHEREAS, he served in the Army National Guard for six years and is a proud veteran; and

6 WHEREAS, he worked alongside his father in the family business as a skilled brick mason  
7 for approximately 25 years; and

8 WHEREAS, he became a full-time deputy sheriff on January 1, 1993 in Hart County, where  
9 he served until November 11, 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, he was elected sheriff in 2000 and sworn into office on January 2, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, his call number is 745 A; and

12 WHEREAS, he serves with high integrity and is an icon of the community, with a huge heart  
13 for people, especially children; and

14 WHEREAS, he implemented Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety  
15 (CHAMPS) for children; and

16 WHEREAS, he helped found Harmony House, serving victims of child and sexual abuse  
17 within the Northern Judicial Circuit, which includes and serves five surrounding counties;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he is a great man of faith and is known as the "Praying Sheriff" and always  
20 makes a point to lead his deputies and employees in prayer before embarking on a dangerous  
21 mission or investigation; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a "present" Sheriff, accessible 24/7, who leads his stellar team of deputies,  
23 investigators, and employees with the necessary training to ensure the safety of all citizens  
24 in Hart County; and

25 WHEREAS, he frequently speaks at civic clubs, takes the drug dogs to schools each year,  
26 and gives out goodie bags at community activities, making a point to have breakfast with the  
27 men's clubs around the county; and

28 WHEREAS, he has been married to Coni Jo for 48 years; and they were blessed with two  
29 children, Madison C. Morris, and the late Michael Shane; and a precious granddaughter  
30 Natlie Jo Morris; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Sheriff Mike Cleveland for his efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him  
36 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
37 continued health and happiness.

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 Mike Cleveland.