

House Resolution 239

By: Representatives Rich of the 97th and Kennard of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Chief Mike Jones upon the grand occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Mike Jones has served with honor and distinction as chief of the Suwanee
4 Police Department since January 1, 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
6 of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of
7 Suwanee; and

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

11 WHEREAS, sworn in as chief of police of the City of Suwanee Police Department on
12 January 1, 1999, Chief Jones has served with honor and distinction and exemplified the
13 highest ideals of law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as police chief, the department has more than doubled in size,
15 became CALEA accredited, received state certification, and was named the Phyllis Goodwin
16 Agency of the Year by the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Jones has taught all levels of law enforcement since the 1980s, sharing
18 his decades of extensive experience and expertise with future generations of law enforcement
19 professionals; and

20 WHEREAS, a leader throughout the state, he further serves on the Reinhardt College Police
21 Academy Board, Gwinnett Technical College Advisory Board, and the 911 Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Jones' commitment to excellence has been recognized by his peers
23 through the many decorations and awards he has received, including the 2018 Outstanding
24 Chief of the Year by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police; and

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

28 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
29 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others,
30 and his unyielding commitment to ethical, knowledgeable, and professional practices in law
31 enforcement will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication
37 exhibited by Chief Mike Jones in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation;
38 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and express their utmost
39 appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
42 Mike Jones.