

House Resolution 675

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carson of the 46th, Scoggins of the 14th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Chief Deputy Kenneth Ball; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Kenneth Ball faithfully served and protected the citizens of the
3 State of Georgia for 48 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, during a distinguished 48 year career, Chief Deputy Ball served four agencies:
5 Georgia State University Police Department, Marietta Police Department, Holly Springs
6 Police Department, and the Cherokee Sheriff's Office. Over his many years, Chief Deputy
7 Ball served in various roles, including as the commander of Marietta's Traffic Division,
8 commander of the county-wide D.U.I. Task Force, a homicide investigator, a shift
9 commander, the commander of the Support Services Division, and the deputy chief of police;
10 chief of police for the City of Holly Springs; and chief deputy of the Cherokee Sheriff's
11 Office; and
- 12 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Cherokee Sheriff's Office was awarded accreditation
13 by the American Correctional Association, reaccreditation with excellence by the
14 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and the coveted "Triple
15 Crown" award by the National Sheriff's Association; and

16 WHEREAS, he led and completed a new jail expansion; innovatively utilized personnel to
17 strengthen agency staffing; opened a Ball Ground Precinct to provide enhanced levels of law
18 enforcement services for one-quarter of the county; changed the agency's uniform to present
19 a more professional appearance; and updated and modernized an aging vehicle fleet; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Southwest University, Columbia Southern University,
21 Columbus State University's Command College Professional Management Program, and the
22 Southern Police Institute's prestigious Administrative Officers Course.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Chief Deputy Kenneth Ball for his
25 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the
26 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
29 Deputy Kenneth Ball.