

## House Resolution 754

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, and Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Athens-Clarke County Police Chief Cleveland Spruill; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cleveland Spruill, a native of Queens, N.Y., relocated with his family to  
4 Richmond, Virginia, in 1978, and has 35 years of experience in law enforcement, including  
5 posts in Alexandria, Virginia, and Huntersville, North Carolina, as well as being a U.S. Army  
6 veteran and graduate of the FBI Academy; and

7 WHEREAS, while chief, he saw a reduction in the overall crime rate, expanded the  
8 department's take-home vehicle program, reinstated a canine unit, brought the department  
9 into compliance with the President's Task Report on 21st Century Policing, and led the effort  
10 for a new pay plan; and

11 WHEREAS, people from his community state that he has supported and developed both its  
12 sworn and non-sworn public servants, as well as made real and lasting connections with  
13 residents and community stakeholders; and

14 WHEREAS, Cleveland Spruill's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable  
15 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
16 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

17 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
18 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
19 dramatically by his superlative service with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, Cleveland Spruill has served with honor and distinction with the Athens-Clarke  
24 County Police Department and his vision and unyielding commitment to law enforcement  
25 have set the standard for public service; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Athens-Clarke County Police Chief  
30 Cleveland Spruill for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the  
31 State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the  
32 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Athens-Clarke County Police Chief Cleveland Spruill.