

House Resolution 953

By: Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 68th, and Gravley of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Public Safety on the occasion of
2 its 85th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Safety was created on March 19, 1937, in
4 response to the huge increase in the number of motor vehicles on Georgia roads and the
5 numerous traffic crashes involving injuries and deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has been the foundation from which several
7 separate state agencies have been created through the years, including the Georgia Bureau
8 of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab, the Georgia Crime
9 Information Center, the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, the Governor's
10 Office of Highway Safety, and the Georgia Police Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, under its current leadership of Commissioner and Chief Executive Christopher
12 C. Wright, Deputy Commissioner Lieutenant Colonel William W. Hitchens III, Director of
13 Support and Administrative Operations Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie L. Stallings, and Chief
14 of Staff Major Joshua Lamb, the Georgia Department of Public Safety oversees the
15 day-to-day operations of the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division,
16 and the Capitol Police; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol troopers investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic
18 and criminal laws on the state's roads under the leadership of Major Kendrick Lowe and
19 Major Robert Balkcom; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol has been one of the leading law enforcement agencies
21 in the country with regards to new technology and innovations; and

22 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Major Thornell King, the officers with the Capitol
23 Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes, manage street closures for
24 events, patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings,
25 provide courtroom security for the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, conduct
26 security assessments and surveillance detection, and deliver personal safety training for state
27 employees; and

28 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Major Wayne Mobley, the Motor Carrier Compliance
29 Division performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at roadsides,
30 inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals while promoting the safe operation of
31 commercial motor vehicles; and

32 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work
33 cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and
34 visitors of this state while adhering to its core values of trust, fortitude, professionalism, and
35 compassion.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Department of Public Safety

38 for 85 years of efficient, unselfish, courteous, and dedicated public service to the welfare of
39 the citizens of the State of Georgia.

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 the
42 Georgia Department of Public Safety.