

Senate Resolution 156

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 2nd, Hickman of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith served 54 years in law enforcement
3 starting with the Savannah Police Department before returning to his native home of Keller,
4 Georgia, where he continued his law enforcement career in 1991 as a deputy with the Bryan
5 County Sheriff's Office; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1994, he was elected as sheriff in Bryan County, Georgia, where he
7 continued his service on the front lines in the battle against crime and illegal drugs and
8 worked closely with the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and United
9 States Drug Enforcement Agency investigating Operation Pipeline cases; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his office seized millions of dollars and countless amounts of illegal narcotics
11 while conducting concentrated patrols on Interstate 95 and Interstate 16 in Bryan County,
12 Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has provided operational and logistical support to Bryan County Family
14 Connection, a Georgia Family Connection Collaborative, Bryan County Senior Citizen

15 Services, and the Bryan Prevention and Recovery Project, actively supporting the citizens
16 of Bryan County and Southeast Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, since 2011, he has provided operational and logistical support to the Georgia
18 Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, serving as a
19 member of the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and participating in the
20 arrests of more than 60 suspects of cyber enticement, child pornography, and the commercial
21 sexual exploitation of children; and

22 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedication to fighting crime throughout this state and
23 nation, he has hosted FBI National Academy Training on Interviews and Interrogations for
24 local, state, and federal law enforcement officers and actively supported the FBI National
25 Academy; and

26 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2021, Sheriff Smith retired from his office after serving over 26
27 years as sheriff of Bryan County, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, Sheriff Smith continues to be a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Dorothy,
29 and a devoted father to their children; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
31 the outstanding accomplishments of this dedicated lawman.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize Bryan County Sheriff Clyde R. Smith and commend him for his exemplary
34 service to the State of Georgia and the United States.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for Sheriff Clyde R. Smith.