

## Senate Resolution 47

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th and Albers of the 56th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Suwanee Police Chief Michael S. Jones as the 2018-2019  
2 Georgia Police Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Suwanee Police Chief Michael S. Jones is highly regarded by the citizens of his  
4 community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity,  
5 humility and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, he began his career in 1974, following in the footsteps of his father with the  
7 City of Rome Police Department, beginning as a radio operator and rising to the rank of  
8 Major where he supervised the Field Operations, Support Services, and Administrative  
9 Services Bureaus; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts from Berry College and Masters of  
11 Public Administration from Columbus College; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Jones graduated from the 155th Session of the Federal Bureau of  
13 Investigation's National Academy; and

14 WHEREAS, he has served as chief of police for the City of Suwanee Police Department, a  
15 full service and revered law enforcement agency, for the last 20 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Jones served as president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
17 (GACP) in 2008-2009; and

18 WHEREAS, as chief he led the department to become State Certified through the GACP and  
19 Nationally Accredited with Excellence by the Commission on Accreditation for Law  
20 Enforcement (CALEA); and

21 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the department received national recognition for an  
22 innovative program known as Police and Citizens Together (PACT) in which officers are  
23 assigned as liaisons with different areas of the community to ensure the citizens' needs are  
24 being met and has been instrumental to lowering crime throughout the community; and

25 WHEREAS, Chief Jones is united in love and marriage to Debbie Anne, who is also a law  
26 enforcement professional, for more than 40 years; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
28 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Chief Jones and all local law  
29 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by Suwanee Police Chief  
32 Michael S. Jones in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and congratulate him  
33 upon his recognition as the 2018-2019 Georgia Police Chief of the Year.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Suwanee Police  
36 Chief Michael S. Jones.