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House Resolution 830

By: Representatives Purcell of the 147th, Snow of the 2nd and Poag of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford on his selection as the Peace Officer of the Year
- 2 for Valor and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
- 3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford of the Georgia State Patrol was selected by the
- 5 Peace Officers' Association of Georgia to receive the Earl Hamrick Award for Valor as the
- 6 Peace Officer of the Year for Valor; and
- 7 WHEREAS, on April 14, 2001, while on patrol, Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford heard Murray
- 8 County 911 operators report a house trailer fire approximately one mile from his location;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, arriving at the scene, he found the door open and heavy smoke pouring from
- 11 the residence; and
- 12 WHEREAS, upon being told that there were children inside, he immediately entered the
- 13 residence twice in an attempt to save the lives of the children who were reportedly inside;
- 14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, he unselfishly and without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety
- 16 placed his life in imminent peril; and
- 17 WHEREAS, after treating Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford for smoke inhalation and
- 18 extinguishing the fire, a search by the Murray County Fire Department revealed that there
- 19 had, in fact, been no children in the residence; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford has a distinguished record with the Department of
- 21 Public Safety and has consistently exemplified the highest ideals of public service; and

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1 WHEREAS, his determination and character have been reflected in his professional

- 2 performance throughout his career with the Department of Public Safety and his high
- 3 standards of conduct have served as a model for the law enforcement officers and citizens
- 4 of this state.
- 5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 6 the members of this body recognize and commend Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford on his
- 7 selection as the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia 2001 Peace Officer of the Year for
- 8 Valor and invite him to appear before the House at a time to be determined by the Speaker.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sr. Trooper G. H. Langford.