

Senate Resolution 650

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring the command and mission of the Fifth Ranger Training Battalion
2 of Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonaga; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of Camp Frank D. Merrill is to train ranger students in critical
4 combat arms related, functional military skills; and

5 WHEREAS, the camp's mission extends to the development of leadership abilities for small
6 unit operations in close combat, direct-fire battle on mountainous terrains throughout the
7 world; and

8 WHEREAS, 1,800 rangers are trained each year for critical and specialized special forces'
9 missions around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fifth Ranger Training Battalion has 190 active Army soldiers and 80
11 families generating an economic impact that exceeds \$4 million to the local economy; and

12 WHEREAS, the battalion, through its officers, rangers, military, and civilian staff contribute
13 mightily to civic and charitable initiatives of the region, to wit, the Chamber of Commerce,
14 Rotary Club, "Run for Life," the Gold Rush Festival of Dahlonaga, Indian Summerfest in
15 Suches, Boy Scouts, and more; and

16 WHEREAS, the battalion supports the cadets of North Georgia College and State University
17 with mountaineering and self-defense training; and

18 WHEREAS, the battalion will host its annual open house for the public on May 11, 2002,
19 with demonstrations, equipment, and community relations.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend and honor the command of the Fifth Ranger Training Battalion of Camp Frank D.

1 Merrill in Dahlonaga, Georgia, and express their appreciation for its contributions to the
2 State of Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fifth Ranger Training Battalion of
5 Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonaga.