

Senate Resolution 1021

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Johnson of the 1st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the members of the 165th Security Forces Squadron of the Georgia Air  
2 National Guard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, 65 members of the  
4 165th Security Forces Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard were mobilized in  
5 support of Operation Noble Eagle; and

6 WHEREAS, the 165th Security Forces Squadron is commanded by Major William Collins  
7 and supervised by Chief Master Sergeant Donald Hodges; and

8 WHEREAS, 13 members of the squadron were deployed overseas in Southwest Asia under  
9 the direction of Master Sergeant Freddie L. Smith, including three special aircraft security  
10 personnel known as "Ravens"; and

11 WHEREAS, these courageous Georgians, putting their lives on the line, were called upon  
12 to defend and to strengthen the security of our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of this professional, prepared, and highly trained organization  
14 have shown that they are more than able to respond effectively to crises at home or abroad;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions of this brave group of  
17 individuals be recognized appropriately.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 commend the members of the 165th Security Forces Squadron of the Georgia Air National  
20 Guard for their participation in support of Operation Noble Eagle and express their  
21 appreciation for the contributions the group has made to the defense of our nation.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 165th Security Forces Squadron of  
3 the Georgia Air National Guard.