

House Resolution 234

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd, Snow of the 1st and Lucas of the 105th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Officer Stewart Cronin on his selection as the Peace Officer of the Year for
2 Valor and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Officer Stewart Cronin of the Macon Police Department was selected by the
5 Peace Officers' Association of Georgia as Peace Officer of the Year for Valor for 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, Officer Cronin responded to a domestic call involving
7 a man holding a gun to a woman's head; and

8 WHEREAS, upon arriving at the scene, Officer Cronin was directed by the primary unit to
9 cover the rear of the structure, and upon arriving there he was confronted by the suspect
10 walking through a parking lot holding a gun to his head and dragging a woman, followed by
11 her children; and

12 WHEREAS, realizing the woman's life was in danger, Officer Cronin, disregarding his own
13 safety, placed himself in a position to fire if necessary; and

14 WHEREAS, he attempted to calm and subdue the suspect by talking to him, but the suspect
15 threatened to kill the woman and placed the gun to her head, and Officer Cronin was
16 obligated to fire, and he hit the suspect, saving the life of the woman; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Cronin has a distinguished record as a law enforcement officer and has
18 consistently exemplified the highest ideals of public service; and

19 WHEREAS, his determination and character have been reflected in his professional
20 performance throughout his career and his high standards of conduct have served as a model
21 for the law enforcement officers and citizens of this state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Officer Stewart Cronin on his selection
3 as the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia Peace Officer of the Year for Valor for 2002
4 and invite him to appear before the House of Representatives on a date and time to be
5 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Stewart Cronin.