

House Resolution 233

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd and Snow of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Master Trooper R. K. Turner 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, Master Trooper R. K. Turner of the Georgia State Patrol Post 5 in Dalton was
5 selected by the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia as Peace Officer of the Year for Valor
6 for 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2002, Master Trooper Turner was on routine patrol when he
8 learned that Whitfield County sheriff's deputies were in pursuit of an armed murder suspect,
9 and he responded immediately, becoming the primary pursuit unit; and

10 WHEREAS, the suspect was driving recklessly and caused nine accidents before he finally
11 crashed his vehicle and escaped into heavy woods; and

12 WHEREAS, realizing that a residential area bordered the woods, Master Trooper Turner
13 pursued the suspect on foot until the suspect turned and confronted him and the
14 accompanying deputies; and

15 WHEREAS, he attempted to calm and subdue the suspect by talking to him, but the suspect
16 threatened him and the deputies and ultimately made a threatening gesture, forcing Master
17 Trooper Turner to defend himself; and

18 WHEREAS, Master Trooper R. K. Turner has a distinguished record with the Department
19 of Public Safety and has consistently exemplified the highest ideals of public service; and

20 WHEREAS, his determination and character have been reflected in his professional
21 performance throughout his career with the Department of Public Safety and his high

1 standards of conduct have served as a model for the law enforcement officers and citizens
2 of this state.

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Master Trooper R. K.
10 Turner.