A RESOLUTION

Commending Hal Wiggins and the emergency medical professionals who saved his life; and
for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Hal Wiggins of Ludowici, Georgia, is a Game Warden and Wildlife
Technician for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2001, Mr. Wiggins and his partner were mowing hunter access
trails in Wayne County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wiggins was involved in a horrific accident with a mowing machine that
resulted in such traumatic injuries that even his lung was exposed; and

WHEREAS, the responding emergency medical service team from Wayne County intubated
Mr. Wiggins, controlled the blood flow, and contacted the Trauma Center at Memorial
Health University Medical Center to send the air ambulance LifeStar to rush Mr. Wiggins
to the waiting trauma surgeons at Memorial Health; and

WHEREAS, the Level One Trauma Center at Memorial Health University Medical Center
is the only trauma center in Southeast Georgia and the only trauma center in the state verified
by the American College of Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, the LifeStar crew consisting of Sharon Martin, Mike Lamb, and Mike Sharp
worked heroically to sustain Mr. Wiggins’ life as they flew him back to Savannah aboard the
LifeStar helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Trauma Surgeon Frank Davis, M.D., and his surgery team operated on Mr.
Wiggins for hours to repair his mangled body; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Wiggins stayed at Memorial Health University Medical Center as an inpatient for 84 days under the care of countless nurses who worked diligently to heal Mr. Wiggins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wiggins’ devoted wife, Renee, stayed by his side constantly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wiggins returned to work for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in March of 2002 in spite of the fact that he had numerous reparatory surgeries left to undergo, the last of which was completed in February of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Hal Wiggins and the emergency medical professionals who worked diligently to save his life are courageous, heroic Georgians; and

WHEREAS, February 27, 2003, is EMS Day at the Capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends Hal Wiggins and the emergency medical professionals who saved his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Hal Wiggins and the LifeStar flight crew.