

Senate Resolution 200

By: Senator Kemp of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Trauma Surgeon Frank Davis, M.D., and his surgery team operated on Mr.
20 Wiggins for hours to repair his mangled body; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Wiggins stayed at Memorial Health University Medical Center as an
2 inpatient for 84 days under the care of countless nurses who worked diligently to heal Mr.
3 Wiggins; and

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

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

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

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

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

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