

House Resolution 357

By: Representatives McCall of the 78th, Purcell of the 122nd, Ray of the 108th and Roberts of the 131st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing America's search and rescue dogs, commending their handlers and related
2 organizations, and authorizing and directing the erection of a monument in honor thereof at
3 the southwest corner of the Department of Agriculture building across from Capitol Square;
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, in the wake of the tragedy in New York City on September 11, 2001, many
6 specially trained search and rescue dogs and their handlers selflessly searched through the
7 wreckage of Ground Zero for injured victims and the remains of the deceased; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club generously provided the financial assistance to
9 secure food, shelter, supplies, and veterinary care for these human and canine heroes and
10 established a fund to care for these special search and rescue dogs and their handlers who
11 diligently volunteered their time and energy for a prolonged rescue and recovery period; and

12 WHEREAS, the use of search and rescue dogs is another compelling example of why the dog
13 is truly "Man's Best Friend"; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club has established a permanent fund, the "AKC
15 Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) Canine Support and Relief Fund," to continue to care
16 for and support search and rescue dogs and their handlers throughout the nation wherever
17 tragedy should strike; and

18 WHEREAS, numerous organizations in Georgia have contributed to this fund in order to
19 support search and rescue activities in Georgia and the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, these organizations have commissioned a bronze German Shepherd Dog
21 mounted on Georgia granite as a memorial and gift to the citizens of Georgia.

1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA
2 that the members of this body recognize America's search and rescue dogs and their handlers
3 for their valiant efforts following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and commend the
4 following organizations for their contributions: Atlanta Kennel Club, Augusta Kennel Club,
5 Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia, Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Macon Kennel Club, Sawnee
6 Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia, and the Valdosta Kennel Club; and also the Atlanta
7 Doberman Pinscher Club, Atlanta Terrier Club, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of
8 Greater Atlanta, Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club, Chihuahua Club of Atlanta, Cocker
9 Spaniel Specialty Club of Georgia, Dachshund Club of Metro Atlanta, Dalmatian Club of
10 Greater Atlanta, Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Metro Atlanta, German Shepherd Dog Club
11 of Atlanta, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Atlanta, Gordon Setter Club of Greater
12 Atlanta, Great Dane Club Mid-South, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club, Irish Setter Club
13 of Georgia, Metro Atlanta Samoyed Club, Metro Atlanta Whippet Club Association, North
14 Georgia Hound Association, Pekingese Club of Georgia, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of
15 Greater Atlanta, Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia, Siberian Husky Club of Greater
16 Atlanta, Tara Afghan Hound Club, West Highland White Terrier Club of Greater Atlanta,
17 and Georgia Veterinary Medical Association.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Properties Commission is authorized and
19 directed to accept on behalf of the state such gift of a memorial monument of a bronze
20 German Shepherd Dog mounted on Georgia granite upon presentation thereof and to provide
21 for erection of the same with an accompanying plaque for permanent display within the
22 grassy area at the southwest corner of the Department of Agriculture building across from
23 Capitol Square at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive and Washington Street.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the American Kennel Club
26 and the Atlanta Kennel Club.