

Senate Resolution 411

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Leonard Burge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2002, the home of Barbara Ann Burge Clopton in Rome, Georgia,
3 caught fire and burned; and

4 WHEREAS, Leonard Burge, her brother, upon realizing that his sister's home was ablaze and
5 that she was still inside and without concern for his own safety, rushed into the flaming
6 structure in an attempt to save his sister; and

7 WHEREAS, unfortunately, Leonard was unable to save his sister and sustained burns over
8 45 percent of his body during the rescue attempt; and

9 WHEREAS, Leonard was rushed to Floyd Medical Center and then was airlifted to the Burn
10 Unit of Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, where he lapsed into a coma for a week.
11 Throughout the excruciatingly painful treatment for his burns and his lengthy recovery, he
12 has maintained a bright and positive outlook, a pleasant and thankful spirit, and an
13 indomitable will to regain his strength and health; and

14 WHEREAS, his courageous actions in the heroic effort to save his sister are the type of
15 selfless sacrifice that inspires and uplifts the people of this state and demonstrate the depth
16 of love that Leonard had for his sister that he would risk his own life in attempt to save hers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, it is most fitting and proper to recognize and commend such extraordinary
19 bravery and sacrifice.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize and commend Leonard Burge for his courage and his willingness to sacrifice

1 himself to save others and for his calm perseverance and uplifting attitude throughout his
2 recovery and extend to him their best wishes for a full recovery.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Leonard Burge.