

Senate Resolution 412

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Britt Evans, Rodney Jones, and Tony Eaton of the Chattooga
2 County Rescue Squad; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2003, Jim and Michelle Beatson were in a canoe observing
4 geese and other wildlife while exploring their pastures which had been flooded as a result of
5 the overflowing of the Chattooga River; and

6 WHEREAS, when Jim and Michelle decided to go from their upper pasture to their lower
7 pasture by traveling a short distance down the river, they became caught up in the rapid
8 currents and were thrown from their canoe. Jim managed to get to the river bank and
9 Michelle sought refuge by clinging to the branches of a tree in the flooded river; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim was able to return to their residence and summon help from the Chattooga
11 County Rescue Squad that responded immediately; and

12 WHEREAS, the three members of the rescue squad who arrived on the scene, Britt Evans,
13 Rodney Jones, and Tony Eaton, found Michelle in a most dangerous situation holding onto
14 a tree branch some 20 feet in the cold river up to her waist with the currents beating against
15 her and showing definite signs of hypothermia; and

16 WHEREAS, these brave men in an exhibition of calm professionalism launched their boat,
17 maneuvered it to Michelle, and pulled her from the treacherous waters; and

18 WHEREAS, after treating Michelle for exposure and warming her with blankets and fluids,
19 they transported her to the hospital where she was treated and released; and

20 WHEREAS, without the great courage and skill of these individuals, the outcome of this
21 accident would have been tragic; and

1 WHEREAS, these individuals heartily deserve recognition and commendation for their
2 talents, training, courage, professionalism, and dedication.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 recognize and commend Britt Evans, Rodney Jones, and Tony Eaton of the Chattooga
5 County Rescue Squad for their heroic rescue of Michelle Beatson and extend to them their
6 thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Britt Evans, Rodney Jones, and Tony
9 Eaton.