

Senate Resolution 544

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending, congratulating, and saluting Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services  
2 and their members; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, while returning from Eastside Hospital on August 1, 2002, Gwinnett County  
4 Fire and Emergency Services Rescue 12 personnel were shocked to see a large billboard  
5 topple over into a parking lot of a popular shopping center; and

6 WHEREAS, they pulled over to see if they could help and realized that there were men who  
7 had been working on it and now laid somewhere in the two-story high pile of mangled,  
8 unbalanced steel; and

9 WHEREAS, they immediately called for additional units and began searching for any  
10 survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, GCFS personnel quickly gained control of the scene and then triaged the  
12 patients they could find in the heap of steel; and

13 WHEREAS, the quick action and care for the survivors of this tragedy and the effective, safe  
14 operation of the scene were carried out in an exemplary manner; and

15 WHEREAS, Rescue 12 was nominated by Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services  
16 for a Unit Citation because of their willingness to perform the job at hand without hesitation  
17 and working as a team; and

18 WHEREAS, a Unit Citation will be awarded to an entire unit whose outstanding efforts  
19 reflect teamwork, cooperation, and support of the Mission of Gwinnett County Fire and  
20 Emergency Services; and

1 WHEREAS, in the award of the Unit Citation, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency  
2 Services recognized: Dominic Aquila, Tim George, Bobby Morgan, Ryan Berrey,  
3 Shane Hendricks, Eddie Myers, Rick Braley, Chuck Hewatt, Gene Nash, Bruce Brower,  
4 Scott Kennedy, Mark Nash, Larry Clay, James Lange, Steve Petkas, Darren Cimarossa,  
5 Harry Martin, Brian Quillian, Terry Darby, Rex Martin, Ryan Trott, Jerry Daves,  
6 Warren Mendel, Brian Garner, and Vince Mercardante.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
8 congratulate these members of Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services for the actions  
9 that led to their receipt of the Unit Citation.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency  
12 Services.