

Senate Resolution 551

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, on July 1, 2002, an active lightning storm cell had rapidly created numerous
4 incidents and emergency calls throughout Gwinnett County; and

5 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Engine 14 was enroute to assist,
6 with other personnel, a call in their second-in territory, but when they looked in the direction
7 of a nearby neighborhood, they could see a heavy black column of smoke over the horizon;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, since all units were responding to the other calls, Engine 14 quickly diverted
10 their second-in call to the nearby house on fire; and

11 WHEREAS, Engine 14 was the sole company on the scene and found heavy fire showing
12 from the front and sides of the structure; and

13 WHEREAS, in the face of limited personnel and resources, the members of Engine 14 acted
14 swiftly, efficiently, and courageously to solve a serious problem; and

15 WHEREAS, Engine 14 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 to assist with a stressful, life-threatening situation; 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: Fredrick Cephas, Matt Jamieson, and Ed Knopick.

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

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