

Senate Resolution 548

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 May 10, 2002, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Engine 20,
4 Rescue 20, and Squad 20 responded to a vehicle accident with injuries and the occupants
5 trapped; and

6 WHEREAS, once on scene, GCFS found a two-car accident with one auto smashed into the
7 guardrail; and

8 WHEREAS, one patient was found with a massive head injury and labored breathing; and

9 WHEREAS, the Engine and Rescue crews started patient care by holding C-spine through
10 the outside driver window and entering the auto through the rear window; and

11 WHEREAS, the Squad and Engine crews started extrication procedures and quickly gained
12 access to the patient by removing the roof; and

13 WHEREAS, all personnel worked on the scene as a united, skilled, competent team; and

14 WHEREAS, the efforts and abilities of GCFS members made the on-scene time less than ten
15 minutes giving this patient the best possible chance of survival; and

16 WHEREAS, these units were nominated by Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services
17 for a Unit Citation because of their willingness to perform the job at hand without hesitation
18 and working as a team in a stressful, life-threatening situation; and

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

4 WHEREAS, in the award of the Unit Citation, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency
5 Services recognized: Phillip Allison, Michael J. Etheridge, John Poe, Steve B. Brown, Don
6 Kirkpatrick, Walker Waddy, David Carr, Lamar Mitchell, and John Welborn.

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.