

## House Resolution 1772

By: Representatives Ralston of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Lane of the 101<sup>st</sup>, White of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Post 2, Lewis of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Post 1

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant Carroll Chastain; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sgt. Carroll Chastain was named 2003 Officer of the Year by the North  
3 American Wildlife Officers Association in recognition of his outstanding performance as a  
4 conservation ranger with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and his exceptional  
5 dedication and integrity; and

6 WHEREAS, he began his career with DNR in 1981 after serving our country in the United  
7 States Army and earning a degree in criminal justice. Sgt. Chastain has been a POST  
8 certified instructor for 20 years, was instrumental in authoring and implementing the DNR  
9 law enforcement's mandatory physical fitness program, and helped to implement the Georgia  
10 hunter education program in Gilmer and Fannin county public schools; and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Chastain's career has taken him on numerous assignments including:  
12 helping the 1994 flood victims in south Georgia; assisting wildlife officers from Maine,  
13 Pennsylvania, and Kentucky in their investigations; being one of four DNR employees  
14 assigned to provide security for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay which involved running for  
15 84 days with the torchbearers and providing security to the Olympic Flame through 42 states;  
16 and his current assignment working with the United States Forest Service Special Agents and  
17 the Georgia Department of Agriculture investigating illegal hunting and transportation of  
18 feral hogs in Georgia and our neighbor states; and

19 WHEREAS, he serves his community in many ways, including coordinating the Public  
20 Safety Halloween Exposition, working with Gilmer County High School's  
21 Adopt-A-Homeroom Program, and being the founding member of the local chapter of the  
22 Fraternal Order of Police; and

1 WHEREAS, he was Georgia's 2002 State Investigative Ranger of the Year, and has been  
2 named in various regions as Conservation Ranger of the Year and Investigative Ranger of  
3 the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, his tremendous experience, knowledge, and commitment to protecting  
5 Georgia's natural resources earned him the admiration and respect of his peers and the trust  
6 of his superiors, and it is most fitting that this distinguished officer be appropriately honored.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 this body recognizes and commends Sgt. Carroll Chastain as the North American Wildlife  
9 Officers Association 2003 Officer of the Year and express to him their heartiest  
10 congratulations.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sgt. Carroll Chastain.