

House Resolution 1928

By: Representatives Martin of the 37th, Burkhalter of the 36th, and Campbell of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Gary Matthew "Matt" Chapman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Matthew "Matt" Chapman was born in Springfield, Missouri, on
3 October 16, 1980, to his wonderful and loving parents Gary and Linda Chapman; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Chapman family relocated to Alpharetta, Georgia, in 1987, and Matt
5 attended Dolvin Elementary School and Haynes Bridge Middle School and dreamed of
6 becoming a policeman; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in preparation for a career in law enforcement, Matt joined the Alpharetta
8 Police Explorers in 1994 and in 1999, as a senior at Milton High School, he joined the
9 Georgia Army National Guard's 190th Military Police Company based in Kennesaw; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2000, Matt went to work for the Georgia Department of Corrections at
11 Phillips State Prison and joined the Jackson Trail Volunteer Fire Department; and
- 12 WHEREAS, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, his National Guard unit
13 was called to active duty and was stationed at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the Kuwait border; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2004, after 22 months of National Guard duty, Matt returned home to his
15 beautiful wife, Samantha Gipson Chapman, and daughter, Taylor Grace Chapman, went to
16 work for the DeKalb County Police Department, and learned that he had been named the
17 Jackson Trail Fireman of the Year for 2002.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Mr. Gary Matthew "Matt" Chapman for his uncommon
20 bravery, dedication, and personal sacrifice and for his selfless commitment to serving his
21 country, his community, the Jackson Trail Volunteer Fire Department, and the DeKalb
22 County Police Department.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gary Matthew "Matt"
3 Chapman.