

Senate Resolution 121

By: Senators Cagle of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting and commending the men and women who serve as Patrol Agents in the United
2 States Border Patrol, a part of the United States Customs and Border Protection, Department
3 of Homeland Security.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol has 20 sectors responsible for detecting,
5 interdicting, and apprehending those who attempt to illegally enter or smuggle people,
6 including terrorists, or contraband, including weapons of mass destruction, across United
7 States borders between official ports of entry; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol, the mobile uniformed law enforcement arm of
9 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), was officially established on May 28, 1924,
10 by an act of Congress passed in response to increasing illegal immigration, and, as mandated
11 by this Act, the small border guard in what was then the Bureau of Immigration was
12 reorganized into the Border Patrol with an initial force of 450 officers given the
13 responsibility of combating illegal entries and the growing business of illegal alien
14 smuggling; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the rule of law that guarantees
16 principles of freedom, liberty, and national sovereignty; and

17 WHEREAS, the national safety and security, as well as those very principles upon which this
18 nation was founded are being threatened by dangerous, costly, and abusive actions resulting
19 from illegal entries into the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, in response to these threats, more than 80 courageous Patrol Agents have
21 sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

22 WHEREAS, absent the protection of United States military on United States borders, the
23 approximately 11,500 men and women of the United States Border Patrol are charged with

1 providing crucial support, skills, and expertise to their efforts to secure the approximately
2 6,900 miles of American borders and the 95,000 miles of shoreline; and

3 WHEREAS, Patrol Agents are the first line of defense against border violation and also
4 possess the authority, training, and professional expertise to detect and apprehend illegal
5 aliens in the United States interior who have successfully evaded apprehension in the
6 immediate border area; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Senate and the people of Georgia have the greatest pride for
8 the men and women of the United States Border Patrol.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 express their deep gratitude to and respect for the men and women of the Border Patrol and
11 to their families, for all of their efforts and sacrifices, and pray for their safety and success.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable George W. Bush,
14 President of the United States, each member of the Georgia congressional delegation,
15 Governor Sonny Perdue, and the President of Mexico.