

House Resolution 252

By: Representatives Franklin of the 43rd, Scott of the 2nd, Williams of the 4th, Amerson of the 9th, Coan of the 101st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 In support of the men and women serving as patrol agents in the United States Border Patrol,
2 a part of the U. S. Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security;
3 and for other purposes.

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

8 WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol is the mobile uniformed law enforcement arm
9 of the Department of Homeland Security; and

10 WHEREAS, the U. S. Border Patrol was officially established on May 28, 1924, by an act
11 of Congress passed in response to increasing illegal immigration; and

12 WHEREAS, as mandated by this act, the small border guard in what was then the Bureau of
13 Immigration was reorganized into the Border Patrol and the initial force of 450 officers was
14 given the responsibility of combating illegal entries and the growing business of illegal alien
15 smuggling; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, in response to these threats, more than 80 courageous patrol agents have
22 sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

1 WHEREAS, absent the protection of United States military on United States borders, the
2 approximately 11,500 men and women of the United States Border Patrol are charged with
3 providing crucial support, skills, and expertise in their efforts to secure approximately 6,900
4 miles of American borders and 95,000 miles of shoreline; and

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

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives and the people of Georgia have the
10 greatest pride for the men and women of the United States Border Patrol.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body express deep gratitude to and respect for the men and women of
13 the United States Border Patrol and to their families for all their efforts and sacrifices and
14 pray for their safety and success.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Honorable George W.
17 Bush, President of the United States; to each member of the Georgia congressional
18 delegation; to the Governor of the State of Georgia; and to the President of Mexico.