

## House Resolution 1439

By: Representatives Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending David Foster, Director/Fire Chief of the DeKalb County Fire and Rescue  
2 Department; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DeKalb County Fire Chief David Foster was awarded the DeKalb County Fire  
4 and Rescue Medal of Honor for his brave actions on August 11, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, this distinguishing honor was bestowed on Chief Foster in recognition of his  
6 actions above and beyond the call of duty wherein he risked his own life to ensure the safety  
7 of other rescue and law enforcement personnel; and

8 WHEREAS, on August 11, 2005, a dispatch call went out concerning the shooting of a City  
9 of Pine Lake police officer during a traffic stop, and in response to the call, Chief Foster was  
10 the first to arrive on the scene; and

11 WHEREAS, dispatch had indicated the scene was safe, but Chief Foster assessed the  
12 situation to be hostile and dangerous, and he properly warned dispatch that public safety  
13 units should not enter the scene; and

14 WHEREAS, while continuing in the unsafe hostile zone, Chief Foster responded to the side  
15 of the wounded officer and assisted in pulling him into the back of a police vehicle and  
16 driving him to the rescue vehicles which were stationed in the safe zone; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Foster took action without regard for his personal safety, and his actions  
18 provided the wounded officer with his only chance of survival and potentially saved the lives  
19 of other public safety personnel by warning them of the unsafe zone; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Foster has brought honor upon not only himself but also the DeKalb  
21 County Fire and Rescue Department and DeKalb County; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this heroic public servant be recognized by this  
2 body.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body commend DeKalb County Fire Chief David Foster for his selfless  
5 and heroic contributions to the welfare of his fellow public safety officers, his community,  
6 and this state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Fire Chief David Foster.