

House Resolution 1553

By: Representative Reese of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur Page, Thomas Sellers, and Vincent
2 Washington for saving the life of Kenny Edwards; inviting Kenny Edwards to appear before
3 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, when a recent crisis struck the Georgia Power General Services Headquarters
5 Repair Shop in Forest Park, Georgia, employees Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur Page,
6 Thomas Sellers, and Vincent Washington rose to the occasion to valiantly save the life of
7 their co-worker, Kenny Edwards; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was working in a motor test pit when a sudden explosion flung
9 him against a metal beam, knocking him unconscious and stopping his heart; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Page immediately rushed to the aid of the severely burned Mr. Edwards,
11 swiftly extinguishing the fire and cutting off Mr. Edwards's shirt with a pocketknife; and

12 WHEREAS, after finding no pulse, Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dillard cautiously moved Mr.
13 Edwards into a proper position for Mr. Dillard to perform CPR until paramedics arrived; and

14 WHEREAS, using a recently installed defibrillator, Mr. Washington administered shocks to
15 Mr. Edwards and succeeded in reviving his heart; and

16 WHEREAS, with a cool head and a calm determination, Mr. Dettmering called 911 and
17 reported the details of this unfortunate accident and the condition of its victim; and

18 WHEREAS, swiftly and selflessly coming to the aid of a colleague in peril, the life saving
19 actions of these five extraordinary gentlemen are a testament to the power of heroism.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join together to commend Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur

1 Page, Thomas Sellers, and Vincent Washington for their heroism and thank them for
2 rescuing the life of Kenny Edwards.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Kenny Edwards is invited to the House of
4 Representatives for the purpose of receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution on behalf
5 of the Georgia Power General Services Headquarters Repair Shop at a date and time to be
6 fixed by the Speaker of the House.