

## Senate Resolution 89

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Hill of the 32nd and Wiles of the 37th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Officer Matthew Buehler; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Officer Matthew Buehler of the Marietta Police Department has recently been  
3 recognized by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia as Officer of the Year for Valor;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Buehler honorably serves the community of Marietta on the Morning  
6 Watch in Uniform Patrol Division and is a highly talented leader of the force, serving as a  
7 Crime Scene Technician and Field Training Officer and acting as a member of the Special  
8 Response and Zone Management teams; and

9 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, Officer Buehler displayed selfless courage and heroism  
10 in responding to a deadly motor vehicle accident and preventing a tragedy; and

11 WHEREAS, at approximately 4:40 a.m., officers were dispatched to a horrific scene – two  
12 victims were trapped inside of an overturned, flame-wreathed vehicle on Interstate 75 South  
13 near Allgood Road Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, officers armed with a total of 11 fire extinguishers aided Officer Buehler as he  
15 crawled into the capsized vehicle, cut the occupants' seat belts, and extricated them to safety  
16 as the vehicle literally exploded into flames; and

17 WHEREAS, the heroic actions of Officer Buehler on this occasion exemplify the highest  
18 standards of the law enforcement profession and should be recognized by this body.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby  
20 recognizes and commends Officer Matthew Buehler for his outstanding service to the State  
21 of Georgia and its citizens and expresses its gratitude to him.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Matthew Buehler.