

## House Resolution 196

By: Representative Barnard of the 166<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mitchell Oliver as 2006 Officer of the Year and commending him for his valiant  
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ranger First Class Mitchell Oliver with the Department of Natural Resources  
4 was selected by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia to receive the 2006 Officer of the  
5 Year Award for Valor; and

6 WHEREAS, Ranger Mitchell Oliver displayed selfless courage and heroism in responding  
7 to a perilous motor vehicle accident and, at great risk to his own life, saved the life of  
8 another; and

9 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of January 1, 2006, Ranger Oliver happened upon  
10 a two-car collision that had blocked both lanes of traffic on Georgia 315 in Harris County;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he soon discovered that the driver of one of the vehicles was pinned beneath the  
13 steering column of his burning S-10 pickup; and

14 WHEREAS, the intense heat had rendered the passenger's side of the truck inaccessible,  
15 while the driver's side door was sealed due to extensive damage during the collision; and

16 WHEREAS, with the aid of another citizen, Ranger Oliver was able to fold down the  
17 window frame and extricate the badly injured driver through the improvised portal, freeing  
18 the man from the now fully engulfed wreckage; and

19 WHEREAS, he unhesitatingly put his life on the line to save another, and his unflinching  
20 resolve and dedicated service exemplify the highest ideals of public service and bring honor  
21 to all who courageously serve in law enforcement.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body hereby recognizes and commends Ranger First Class Mitchell Oliver for his  
3 outstanding bravery and service to the State of Georgia and its citizens and expresses its  
4 sincere appreciation for his heroism.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ranger First Class Mitchell Oliver.