

House Resolution 540

By: Representatives Collins of the 27th, Benton of the 31st, Rogers of the 26th, and Mills of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant Gary Hatfield, Joel Vandiver, Ken Clark, Sterling Strickland, and
2 Chris Boykin for saving the life of fellow firefighter Michael McKenney; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the heroic actions of Hall County firefighters, Lieutenant Gary Hatfield, Joel
5 Vandiver, Ken Clark, Sterling Strickland, and Chris Boykin, saved the life of their fellow
6 firefighter, Michael McKenney; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael, who is regarded by his colleagues as a health conscious individual,
8 was exercising on an off-duty afternoon at Brookton-Lula Road's Fire Station No. 2 on
9 October 21, 2006, when he experienced a sudden bout of disorientation, stumbled into the
10 station's engine bay for a breath of air, and lost consciousness due to a cardiac event; and

11 WHEREAS, firefighter Ken Clark happened to walk into the engine bay from the nearby
12 Wauka Mountain fall carnival; and

13 WHEREAS, Clark retrieved the four other men, and the crew administered CPR, restoring
14 Michael's breathing and pulse in less than a minute, and rushed him to Northeast Georgia
15 Medical Center for treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, through dedicated teamwork and grace under pressure, these five heroes have
17 brought honor to the Hall County community and the State of Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Lieutenant Gary Hatfield, Joel Vandiver, Ken Clark,
20 Sterling Strickland, and Chris Boykin, commend their skillful rescue of their fellow
21 firefighter, Michael McKenney, and extend to them their sincerest best wishes for the future.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Gary Hatfield,
- 3 Joel Vandiver, Ken Clark, Sterling Strickland, Chris Boykin, and Michael McKenney.