

## Senate Resolution 758

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Murphy of the 27th, Goggans of the 7th, Douglas of the 17th and Heath of the 31st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Captain Kelly McLendon of the Polk County Sheriff's Office;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Captain Kelly McLendon is a member of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and  
4 the Georgia Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression; and

5 WHEREAS, on June 5, 2007, Captain McLendon, Corporal David Doehla, and retired  
6 Corporal Joe Wayne Zebeau were conducting a routine aerial drug patrol of an area of Polk  
7 County when the helicopter in which they were traveling went out of control and crashed;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, injured himself, Captain McLendon was able to free himself and establish  
10 communication with the ground team to inform them of the crash location; and

11 WHEREAS, Captain McLendon returned to the aircraft to assist pilot Corporal Doehla and  
12 Corporal Zabeau; and

13 WHEREAS, making certain Corporal Doehla was safely away from the crash, Captain  
14 McLendon returned to the crashed helicopter, which had caught fire, and cut unconscious  
15 Corporal Zabeau out of his seatbelt and pulled him to safety shortly before the helicopter  
16 became engulfed in flames; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain McLendon's quick actions without hesitation and without regard for  
18 his own personal safety, as well as saving the lives of two other officers, brings honor to  
19 himself, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, due to his actions, Captain McLendon has been nominated for the "Earl  
21 Hamrick Award for Valor" sponsored by the Peace Officers Association of Georgia.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 hereby recognize Captain Kelly McLendon and commend him for his courageous and  
3 exemplary actions in saving the lives of two fellow officers.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Captain Kelly McLendon.