

House Resolution 1237

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Chambers of the 81st, Neal of the 1st, Horne of the 71st, Talton of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia State Patrol Criminal Interdiction Unit; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol established the Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) within
4 the patrol for the purpose of reducing drug trafficking through networking with existing state,
5 federal, and local law enforcement agencies and drug enforcement programs; and

6 WHEREAS, each member of this specialized force was selected based upon his extensive
7 experience, strong work ethic, and proven dedication; the unit consists of ten highly trained
8 troopers, an intelligence officer, corporal, two sergeants, and one sergeant first class and is
9 lead by the lieutenant who serves as unit commander; and

10 WHEREAS, the unit has significantly impacted public safety by curtailing criminal
11 operations in Georgia; the estimated monetary impact of the unit's contraband seizures,
12 including U.S. currency and drugs, exceeded \$13 million in 2004, \$38 million in 2005, \$15
13 million in 2006, and \$48 million in 2007; and the CIU combined monetary impact against
14 organized crime in Georgia from 2002 through 2007 has exceeded \$128 million; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2003, the unit has been involved in the seizure of more than 1,928
16 kilograms of cocaine, 5,481 kilograms of marijuana, 45 kilograms of methamphetamine, and
17 2.7 kilograms of heroin; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2007 alone, the unit recovered 142 stolen vehicles and 475 items of stolen
19 property, conducted 256 criminal apprehensions, uncovered 14 hidden constructed
20 compartments, and identified one terrorist suspect; and

21 WHEREAS, as further evidence of this incredible crime fighting unit's accomplishments,
22 the unit was selected as the Interdiction Team of the Year for 2007 by the Federal Motor
23 Carrier Safety Administration's Drug Interdiction Assistance Program, awarded the Georgia

1 Narcotics Officer's Association Award for Interdiction in 2007, and honored with the
2 Commissioner's Commendation in 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, the individual team members have also been frequently honored with numerous
4 individual awards; and

5 WHEREAS, the Criminal Interdiction Unit has brought great honor to the Georgia State
6 Patrol and the State of Georgia, and the people of this state owe the members a deep debt of
7 gratitude for their valiant and loyal service and their extraordinary contribution to public
8 safety.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor and commend the Georgia State Patrol Criminal Interdiction
11 Unit, express their sincere gratitude to and respect for the men of this unit and to their
12 families for all their efforts and sacrifices, and pray for their continued safety and success.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Colonel for the Georgia
15 State Patrol and each member of the Georgia State Patrol Criminal Interdiction Unit.