

Senate Resolution 1218

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Thompson of the 33rd, Johnson of the 1st and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge and
2 Georgia National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. "Mike" Fordham; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. Fordham served two years in the United States
5 Marine Corps, after which he returned to his native Dublin, Georgia, where he began his law
6 enforcement career in 1978, as a patrolman with the East Dublin Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1979, he joined the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) as an undercover
8 narcotics agent, serving most of his time on the front lines in the battle against illegal drugs;
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10 WHEREAS, he later helped establish the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
11 Program in Georgia and in 1995, he was elected President of the National DARE Officers
12 Association; and

13 WHEREAS, while with the GBI, he furthered his dedication to public service by joining the
14 Georgia National Guard in 1990, rising to his present rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

15 WHEREAS, he took a military leave of absence from the GBI to serve with his National
16 Guard unit in Bosnia in 2001, and in Iraq from July 2005 to July 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, in April 2008, he will take another military leave of absence for a tour of duty
18 overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to plan for the mobilization to
19 Afghanistan of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Brigade; and

20 WHEREAS, with his dedication to fighting crime with the GBI and serving his state and
21 nation with the Georgia National Guard, Mike Fordham continues to be a devoted husband
22 to his lovely wife, Shirley, and a doting father to their son, Michael; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
2 the outstanding accomplishments of this dedicated lawman and military officer.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 join together to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. "Mike" Fordham and commend
5 him for his exemplary service to the state and the nation.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. "Mike"
8 Fordham.