

House Resolution 1765

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Nix of the 69th, Lunsford of the 110th, Cheokas of the 134th, Pruett of the 144th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia and inviting
2 certain members to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1943 the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform
9 three distinct missions - emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of over 1,800 volunteer
11 members in 42 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state; and
- 12 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have consistently
13 volunteered their services, time, and resources to serve as an intricate component of our
14 national defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief,
15 and search and rescue; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search
17 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and
- 18 WHEREAS, qualified aircrews were deployed to take aerial reconnaissance photos of flood
19 damage in northwest Georgia in September, 2009; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing squadrons have been awarded the National Squadron of
21 Distinction in 2008 and 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2009 was
23 \$4.2 million; and

24 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,
25 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and
26 cadet programs.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air
29 Patrol have made to the State of Georgia and invite Southeast Region Commander Colonel
30 James M. Rushing, Georgia Wing Commander Colonel Tonya R. Boylan, and Georgia Wing
31 Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III to be recognized by the House of
32 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Colonel James M. Rushing,
36 Colonel Tonya R. Boylan, and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III.