

Senate Resolution 937

By: Senators Butterworth of the 50th, Heath of the 31st, Smith of the 52nd and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State Patrol Post 7 in Toccoa, Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol officers of the Toccoa Post are highly regarded by the
4 citizens of this state and the local community as officers of unquestioned integrity who are
5 dedicated to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Post 7 of the Georgia State Patrol has seven road troopers and three supervisors
7 whose duty it is to protect and serve the citizens of Stephens, Hart, Franklin, Habersham, and
8 Rabun Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008, Post 7 troopers challenged themselves to aggressively enforce
10 Georgia's traffic laws and address DUI offenders in their territory by conducting 369
11 individual sobriety checkpoints, spending 1,757 hours at road checks and removing 444
12 dangerous and impaired drivers from Georgia's roads; and

13 WHEREAS, Troop 7 surpassed all other patrol posts in DUI arrests and increased their DUI
14 arrests by 68 percent from 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, due to their tireless efforts to reduce alcohol related car accidents and deaths,
16 the number of DUI-related traffic fatalities dropped from eight within their five-county
17 territory to two from 2007 to 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2009, the troopers of Post 7 challenged themselves again and increased their
19 DUI enforcement by an additional 5 percent, making 464 DUI arrests and apprehending 145
20 wanted persons; and

21 WHEREAS, Post 7 Toccoa troopers received recognition from MADD with the 2008
22 MADD HERO Award and the 2008 Post of the Year Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Post 7's Post Commander, SFC Tommy Waldrop, was named the Northeast
24 Traffic Enforcement Network's Officer of the Year, while Trooper First Class Dave Snyder
25 was recognized with his second "Todd Helcher DUI Award" for excellence in DUI
26 enforcement and TFC Brian Roberts received the 2009 "Todd Helcher DUI Award" for
27 excellence in DUI enforcement; and

28 WHEREAS, the dedicated members of Post 7 include SFC Tommy Waldrop, Sgt. Mark
29 Perry, Sgt. Chad Johnson, Cpl. Mike Hopkins, Sr. Trooper Jim Andrews, TFC Casey Coffee,
30 TFC Anthony Colman, TFC John Crawford, TFC Jason Hendrix, TFC Rhett Parker, TFC
31 Brian Roberts, TFC Dave Snyder, TFC Jason Stephens, TFC Jody Taylor, Tpr. Eric
32 Bohannon, Tpr. Bradley Graham, SCEO Dean Wood, CEO Dennis Pauley, CEO Linda
33 Garrett, and Post Secretary Brenda Scarborough; and

34 WHEREAS, the dedication to keeping the streets of Georgia safe and free from impaired
35 drivers demonstrated by the officers of Georgia State Patrol Post 7 is worthy of recognition.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend the care, fortitude, and selfless dedication exhibited by the officers of Georgia
38 State Patrol Post 7 and extend to them their utmost appreciation for having so purely and
39 truly defined for others the meaning of public service.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia State Patrol Post 7.