

House Resolution 156

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Ralston of the 7th, and Bearden of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senior Trooper Mark Bracewell and inviting him to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Mark Bracewell is highly regarded by the citizens of his
4 community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity
5 and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Bracewell has been recognized with the Peace Officer of the
7 Year for Valor Award from the Georgia State Patrol for his heroic and life-saving actions;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, on October 11, 2009, Senior Trooper Bracewell demonstrated great courage as
10 he placed his own safety on the line as he responded to a serious traffic accident in which a
11 driver and passenger were trapped in a burning vehicle; and

12 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Bracewell approached the burning vehicle and determined the
13 driver's foot to be pinned beneath the brake pedal; and

14 WHEREAS, with quick thinking and focus, Senior Trooper Bracewell remained calm and
15 retrieved two fire extinguishers which he used to abate the growing flames from the vehicle;
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17 WHEREAS, after unsuccessful attempts to pry the driver's foot from beneath the pedal,
18 Senior Trooper Bracewell was able to pull the driver partially from the vehicle and leave
19 only his right leg remaining inside the burning car; and

20 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Bracewell placed a firefighter's jacket over the driver to protect
21 him from the flames until the fire department could completely extract him from the vehicle;
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23 WHEREAS, although the driver received serious burns, the efforts of Senior Trooper
24 Bracewell undoubtedly saved the man's life, and a precious life was spared; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
26 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Senior Trooper Bracewell and
27 all local law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by
30 Senior Trooper Mark Bracewell in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation;
31 congratulate him on earning the Peace Officer of the Year for Valor Award from the Peace
32 Officers Association of Georgia; and invite him to be recognized by the House of
33 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senior Trooper Mark
37 Bracewell.