

Senate Resolution 240

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Grant of the 25th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Senior Trooper Mark Bracewell; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, with quick thinking and focus, Senior Trooper Bracewell remained calm and  
14 retrieved two fire extinguishers which he used to abate the growing flames from the vehicle;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, after unsuccessful attempts to pry the driver's foot from beneath the pedal,  
17 Senior Trooper Bracewell was able to pull the driver partially from the vehicle and leave  
18 only his right leg remaining inside the burning car; and

19 WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Bracewell placed a firefighter's jacket over the driver to protect  
20 him from the flames until the fire department could completely extract him from the vehicle;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, although the driver received serious burns, the efforts of Senior Trooper  
23 Bracewell undoubtedly saved the man's life, and a precious life was spared; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by Senior Trooper Mark  
29 Bracewell in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and congratulate him on earning  
30 the Peace Officer of the Year for Valor Award from the Peace Officers Association of  
31 Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senior Trooper Mark Bracewell.