

## Senate Resolution 251

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Murphy of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Rogers of the 21st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Fraternal Order of Police for its outstanding service to the  
2 law enforcement officers of this state and recognizing March 2 as Fraternal Order of Police  
3 day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, founded in 1915, the Fraternal Order of Police is the world's largest  
5 organization of sworn law enforcement officers with more than 325,000 members in 2,100  
6 lodges, including 32 lodges across the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization consists of sworn and qualified retired law  
8 enforcement professionals from federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement  
9 agencies who volunteer their time for the betterment of law enforcement and their  
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police is the voice of those who dedicate and sacrifice  
12 their lives to protect and serve our nation's communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the primary mission of the order is to improve the working conditions of law  
14 enforcement officers, with special focus on officer safety, through education, legislation,  
15 information, and community involvement; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police recognized the lifesaving benefits of bulletproof  
17 vests and believes that all law enforcement officers in Georgia should wear one and so  
18 created the "Protect the Protectors" program with the goal of making available bulletproof  
19 vests to law enforcement officers across Georgia who cannot afford them; and

20 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police, through this program, made bulletproof vests  
21 available at no cost to law enforcement officers or the agencies where they are employed and  
22 with no obligation to be a member of or to join the Fraternal Order of Police; and

23 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police also provides free law enforcement training, a  
24 reward program for the apprehension and conviction of the most heinous criminals,  
25 scholarships for officers and their children and spouses, and award programs to recognize  
26 officers for their bravery and heroism; and

27 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Georgia owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the  
28 Fraternal Order of Police for its dedicated and meaningful service to our law enforcement  
29 officers.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 join in recognizing and commending the Fraternal Order of Police for its outstanding service  
32 to all of law enforcement and in their honor designate March 2, 2011, as Fraternal Order of  
33 Police Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fraternal Order of Police.