

Senate Resolution 255

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Colonel Eric Boe; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Eric Boe has brought distinction and honor to his country and his home
3 state through his service as a pilot in the United States Air Force and an astronaut for the
4 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Boe was reared and educated in Georgia, graduating from Henderson
6 High School in Chamblee and earning a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering
7 from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

8 WHEREAS, this great Georgian heard his call to service and was commissioned as an officer
9 and a pilot in the United States Air Force after graduating with honors from the Air Force
10 Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Boe flew 55 combat missions over Iraq in support of Operation
12 Southern Watch and went on to serve as a test pilot at Eglin Air Force Base, logging over
13 4,000 flight hours in more than 45 different aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service
15 Medal, and two Air Medals, among others, for his exceptional service; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Boe was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 2000 and was named
17 NASA Director of Operations at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City,
18 Russia; and

19 WHEREAS, he embarked on his first spaceflight in 2008, piloting Space Shuttle Endeavor
20 on STS-126 to expand and supply the International Space Station along with two fellow
21 Georgia Tech graduates; and

22 WHEREAS, Colonel Boe is currently in orbit around the Earth piloting Space Shuttle
23 Discovery on STS-133 delivering the Permanent Multipurpose Module to the ISS to ensure
24 continuation of its important research efforts; and

25 WHEREAS, he has been supported in his patriotic commitments by his wife, Kristen, and
26 their two children; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
28 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Colonel Eric Boe for his continuing and outstanding service to his country as an
31 Air Force pilot and astronaut and convey their best wishes to him and his family in their
32 future pursuits.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Eric Boe.