

## Senate Resolution 318

By: Senators Loudermilk of the 52nd, Heath of the 31st, Butterworth of the 50th, Unterman of the 45th, Harbison of the 15th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of  
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal  
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943 the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as  
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was  
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform  
9 three distinct missions – emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of over 2,000 volunteer  
11 members in 42 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state; and

12 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have consistently  
13 volunteered their services, time, and resources to serve as an intricate component of our  
14 national defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief,  
15 and search and rescue; and

16 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search  
17 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members actively support the Civil Air Patrol's primary missions  
19 of emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs, as evidenced in 2010 by  
20 their participation in Ardent Sentry and American Shield exercises, support of the Governor's  
21 Task Force for Drug Suppression, assistance with photography and emergency operations  
22 during the Gulf oil spill, sponsorship of the Georgia Glider Academy, providing hundreds  
23 of small aircraft orientation flights to Georgia youth, and participating in Wreaths Across

24 America by placing 8,000 remembrance wreaths on veterans' graves in Georgia cemeteries;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing squadrons have been awarded the National Squadron of  
27 Distinction in 2008, 2009, and 2010; and

28 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2010 was  
29 \$5 million; and

30 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,  
31 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and  
32 cadet programs.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol have made to the  
35 State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Colonel James M. Rushing, Colonel  
38 Tonya R. Boylan, and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III.