

## House Resolution 729

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Bearden of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State Patrol Post 42 and Motor Vehicle Safety  
2 Facility on the occasion of its tenth anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol officers of Post 42 are highly regarded by the citizens  
4 of this state and the local community as officers of unquestioned integrity who are dedicated  
5 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Post 42 and the Motor Vehicle Safety Facility opened its doors on November  
7 4, 2001, under the leadership and guidance of post commander Sergeant First Class James  
8 Butler; and

9 WHEREAS, Post 42 of the Georgia State Patrol is located in Rincon, Georgia, and officers  
10 of this post protect and serve the citizens of Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham Counties; and

11 WHEREAS, under the command of current post commander Sergeant First Class Chad Riner  
12 and acting post commander Sergeant Larry Ruffin, Post 42 serves the surrounding  
13 community with efficiency and skill; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Patrol was formed in 1937 and is currently led by Colonel  
15 William "Bill" Hitchens, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and  
16 the Colonel of the Georgia State Patrol; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
18 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of the officers of Georgia State  
19 Patrol Post 42 and all local law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
22 the officers of Georgia State Patrol Post 42 in carrying out the difficult duties of their

23 vocation and congratulate current and former officers of this post on the occasion of its tenth  
24 anniversary.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia State Patrol Post 42,  
27 Colonel William "Bill" Hitchens, Sergeant First Class Chad Riner, and Sergeant Larry  
28 Ruffin.