

Senate Resolution 955

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

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Trooper First Class Thomas Kustra; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Trooper First Class (TFC) Thomas Kustra of the Georgia State Patrol  
3 Nighthawks DUI Task Force-North has been recognized with a Meritorious Service Award  
4 from the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian has served with the Georgia State Patrol  
6 Nighthawks DUI Task Force-North for two years; and

7 WHEREAS, he is consistently increasing his productivity and commitment to keeping the  
8 roads free of DUI offenders; and

9 WHEREAS, on average, he makes three DUI arrests per eight-hour shift, utilizing  
10 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests in 95 percent of his arrests; and

11 WHEREAS, when he is not patrolling, TFC Kustra regularly attends court hearings to ensure  
12 that his administrative and criminal cases lead to DUI convictions; and

13 WHEREAS, he serves as a training instructor, works special details, and conducts safety  
14 talks to increase DUI awareness; and

15 WHEREAS, he was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in March of  
16 2011 and awarded the MADD Georgia Officer DUI Hero Award and the Officer of the Year  
17 for his 2010 DUI enforcement efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, TFC Kustra's relentless commitment to DUI enforcement is apparent by the  
19 number of arrests he makes and his dedication is shown by his consistent follow-up  
20 throughout the judicial process, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary  
21 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Trooper First Class Thomas Kustra and  
24 recognize him on receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the Peace Officers'  
25 Association of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Trooper First Class Thomas Kustra.