

## House Resolution 1589

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, and McKillip of the 115<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Trooper First Class Thomas Kustra and inviting him to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, TFC Kustra's relentless commitment to DUI enforcement is apparent by the  
20 number of arrests he makes and his dedication is shown by his consistent follow-up

21 throughout the judicial process, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary  
22 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Trooper First  
25 Class Thomas Kustra, congratulate him on receiving the Meritorious Service Award from  
26 the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia, and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
27 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Trooper First Class Thomas  
31 Kustra.