

House Resolution 1596

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

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Trooper First
24 Class Thomas Kustra and recognize him on receiving the Meritorious Service Award from
25 the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia.

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