

House Resolution 1855

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Neal of the 75th, Talton of the 145th, Purcell of the 159th, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Officer Mark Edge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Officer Mark Edge has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant has diligently and conscientiously devoted almost
6 11 years of his time, talents, and energy to improving the lives of his fellow citizens as
7 evidenced by his superlative service with the Department of Public Safety; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Edge began his career in May of 2001 as a Georgia State Patrol
9 dispatcher in Conyers, Georgia, and later transferred to the Capitol Police Division; and

10 WHEREAS, the Capitol Police Division at the Department of Public Safety is tasked with
11 the responsibility of providing primary law enforcement and security duties for the Georgia
12 state capitol, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the judicial building, and all other
13 GBA state owned buildings located on Capitol Hill; and

14 WHEREAS, the Capitol Police Division joins with the United States Marine Corps Reserve
15 for the annual Toys for Tots campaign and with officers such as Mark Edge, the Capitol
16 Police Division set a new record for collection by delivering 446 toys; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Rodgers currently works as a Patrol/Motor Officer around the Capitol
18 Hill complex and serves on the Crisis Negotiation Team where at any time he may be called
19 out to assist with the SWAT team; and

20 WHEREAS, while responding to a stolen motorcycle, Officer Edge was shot in the head by
21 the perpetrator but was able to radio in for assistance and was transported to Grady Hospital
22 where he eventually recovered; and

23 WHEREAS, his knowledge and bravery, his significant organizational and leadership talents,
24 his remarkable patience and diplomacy, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
25 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
27 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Officer Mark Edge for almost 11 years of outstanding,
30 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend to him
31 their sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Mark Edge.