

House Resolution 187

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Courtney L. Terwilliger for his outstanding accomplishments; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Courtney L. Terwilliger was recognized by Governor Nathan Deal for his
4 tremendous contributions as a public safety professional in ceremonies at the Georgia Public
5 Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has devoted his career to the emergency medical services (EMS) community,
7 and no one has dedicated more time and effort advocating for the advancement of the EMS
8 profession; and

9 WHEREAS, he was first licensed as an EMT in 1977 and has worked with Emanuel County
10 Emergency Medical Service as a medic, educator, and director to help his rural community;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, as an educator, he has taught first responder courses, EMT and paramedic
13 courses, as well as vehicle extrication and a number of life support courses; he has served as
14 an EMS director for 30 years, overseeing one of the oldest ambulance services in Georgia;
15 and he has also served his community as Emanuel County Emergency Management Agency
16 director and as an integral member of the local hospital's management team; and

17 WHEREAS, he has also demonstrated impressive leadership on the regional level, having
18 been an active member of the regional EMS Council for virtually his entire career and having
19 served as chair of that organization; and

20 WHEREAS, he is most often recognized for his contributions on the state level; he has
21 served as a member of the state EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) for almost 25 years and
22 currently is in his eighth year as the chair of EMSAC; he also serves as chair of the Georgia
23 Association of EMS and vice president of the director's division; and in 2008, Courtney was

24 instrumental in establishing the East Georgia EMS Educational Consortium, which is a
25 partnership focused on enhancing EMS education and improving patient outcomes in rural
26 communities; and

27 WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Nunez Baptist Church and is assistant scout
28 master for Boy Scout Troop 75; in 2010, Courtney received the prestigious Dr. Zeb L.
29 Burrell, Jr. Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to the development and
30 enhancement of the delivery of pre-hospital emergency care; and

31 WHEREAS, Courtney demonstrates high ideals, irreproachable character, and selfless
32 dedication to EMS, which makes him one of Georgia's outstanding public servants.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 members of this body commend Courtney L. Terwilliger for his service as a public safety
35 professional and for his other outstanding contributions to his community and the State of
36 Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Courtney L. Terwilliger.