

House Resolution 525

By: Representative McCall of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending William Alexander Bradford for his exemplary patriotism;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Alexander "Bill" Bradford is a true American patriot who volunteers
4 countless hours to assist our past and present veterans with essential needs; and

5 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, Bill was raised in a family of veterans
6 and, though he did not personally serve in the military, he has dedicated innumerable hours
7 of his time, talents, and energy serving the many veterans who fought for his freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill began his service to veterans at an early age through the commitment of his
9 family to the American Legion (Post 194) and the American Legion Auxiliary (Post 194);
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he traveled annually with his mother, a Ladies Auxiliary member, through the
12 county to cemeteries searching for the graves of fallen soldiers and placing flags beside their
13 headstones; and

14 WHEREAS, each year he would also assist the American Legion members in preparing for
15 the Memorial Day celebration; and

16 WHEREAS, Bill assisted his father in cutting wood throughout the winter months and
17 delivering loads to the houses of many veterans that relied on wood for heating, a tradition
18 he continues today; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1986, Bill and his entire family became active members of the Southeastern
20 Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and began to volunteer for monthly activity events
21 for the Spinal Cord Unit of the Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Bill has increased the community involvement, volunteers, and awareness of
24 the PVA and, in 1993, assisted the PVA in organizing the first annual PVA bass tournament
25 held at Clarks Hill Lake; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1994, Bill and his family volunteered to provide a family pond on Bradford
27 property, known as the "Gordon Bradford Pond," to host the PVA bank fishermen and create
28 an atmosphere that has drawn veterans and their families to visit from across the country; and

29 WHEREAS, since the origination of the "Gordon Bradford Pond," Bill has coordinated a
30 quarterly fishing outing with the recreation director for the patients in the Spinal Cord Unit;
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32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the inspirational spirit of service and
33 patriotism exhibited by this outstanding individual be recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize the tremendous efforts of William Alexander Bradford
36 in serving the brave veterans of this country, commend him for his countless acts of
37 kindness, and wish him many more years of happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William Alexander
40 Bradford.