

House Resolution 812

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Ralston of the 7th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, O`Neal of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Captain James Paul Cospers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Captain James Paul Cospers has long been recognized for his commitment to
3 public safety and improving the lives of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
5 talents, and energy protecting and serving his community and state as evidenced by over two
6 decades of superlative service to the Georgia Department of Public Safety; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Captain Cospers is a veteran of the United States Army where he served in the
8 Infantry as a paratrooper, jumpmaster, and pathfinder; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Captain Cospers began his career in public safety in 1988 as a Transportation
10 Enforcement Officer with the Georgia Department of Transportation and was hired as a
11 Radio Operator by the Department of Public Safety two years later; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as vice-president of the 66th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School and
13 was promoted to Trooper in 1992, was assigned to posts in Lawrenceville and Gainesville,
14 and was a member of the Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his professionalism and talent as an officer have led to several promotions for
16 Captain Cospers from Corporal in 1998, to Sergeant in 2001, to Sergeant First Class in 2003,
17 to Lieutenant in 2007, and to Captain in 2011; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Captain Cospers's assignments have afforded him the unique opportunity to work
19 in many areas of the Department of Public Safety, including serving as a recruiter, a member
20 of the State of Georgia SWAT Team, the Public Information Office, and as a member of the
21 Training Division where he was a mentor to many young troopers and earned the nickname
22 "Daddy Cospers"; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Cosper currently serves as the department's legislative liaison and is
24 a trusted advisor to Commissioner Mark McDonough, who was Captain Cosper's trainee in
25 1996; and

26 WHEREAS, Captain Cosper has been highly regarded by the citizens of his community, by
27 state and local government officials, and by his coworkers as a person of unquestioned
28 integrity who performs his law enforcement duties with compassion, kindness, and a clever
29 sense of humor; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Captain Cosper be recognized for his
31 commitment to public safety and for the contributions he has made to the Department of
32 Public Safety and the citizens of Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring Captain James Paul Cosper on the occasion of his
35 retirement and extend to him best wishes for his near and distant future.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Captain James Paul Cosper.