

## Senate Resolution 770

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Bethel of the 54th, Carter of the 1st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Conservation Sergeant Christopher Hodge with the Georgia  
2 Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division for his dedicated service to the  
3 citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2013, a recreational boat with a father and son on a fishing trip  
5 overturned in Manhead Sound near St. Simons Island, and a low tide made it difficult to  
6 reach the boat, which landed in the marsh; and

7 WHEREAS, the father was injured and pinned face down between the boat and the marsh  
8 with an incoming tide and fuel flowing onto him; and

9 WHEREAS, at 4:30 P.M., Sergeant Chris Hodge and RFC David Brady responded by boat  
10 to this life-threatening scene to assist United States Coast Guard Officers; and

11 WHEREAS, upon arriving on the scene, Sergeant Hodge secured his patrol boat in the marsh  
12 and entered the marsh to assess the situation; realizing the traumatized victim would be  
13 underwater in minutes, Sergeant Hodge devised a rescue plan to lift the boat off the injured  
14 victim by digging into the marsh mud and attaching a line to the overturned vessel; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hodge and RFC Brady held onto the victim and lifted him into the  
16 patrol boat, transporting him to a nearby boat ramp to meet an awaiting ambulance; and

17 WHEREAS, using exceptional skill maneuvering the boat, and acting quickly, they were able  
18 to rescue the victim.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 hereby commend Sergeant Christopher Hodge for his heroic efforts to rescue this individual  
21 in eminent danger of drowning.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant Christopher Hodge.