

## House Resolution 1118

By: Representative Spencer of the 180<sup>th</sup>

## 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 Christopher Hodge and RFC David Brady responded by  
10 boat 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body hereby commend Sergeant Christopher Hodge for his heroic efforts  
21 to rescue this individual in eminent danger of drowning.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant Christopher  
24 Hodge.