

House Resolution 1182

By: Representative Atwood of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2013, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Law
5 Enforcement Division, was notified of a possible suicide attempt in progress on the nearby
6 480 foot cable-stayed Sidney Lanier bridge; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson immediately ran to his service vehicle and made his way to the
8 bridge where there had been ten previous suicides; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson engaged the subject, who was sitting on the outer barrier with
10 his legs on the water side of the barrier, asking his name and asking him to come back over
11 the barrier to speak to Sergeant Carson, and at this time, Brunswick Police Department
12 Officer Martin arrived, and the subject refused to return to safety, stood up, and let go of the
13 barrier while staring at the water; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Martin engaged the subject while Sergeant Carson moved closer;
15 suddenly, the subject moved away from Officer Martin and began staring at the water and
16 moving toward the edge of the bridge; and Officer Martin grabbed the combative subject;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson grabbed both Officer Martin and the subject, falling backward,
19 dragging them both to the road and safety, and once Sergeant Carson had the individual back
20 on the bridge, he continued to fight, was handcuffed, and placed in a patrol car; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson showed courage and valor by putting himself in danger when
22 he positioned himself near the edge of the bridge while confronting an unstable individual,
23 saving the individual and Officer Martin.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Conservation Sergeant Mark Carson with
26 the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, for his dedication
27 and service to the citizens of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Conservation Sergeant Mark
30 Carson.