

Senate Resolution 921

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Tom Bragg for his military service and recognizing his induction into the
2 Ranger Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the many accomplishments of one of its most
4 distinguished citizens with retired Master Sergeant Tom Bragg being inducted into the
5 Ranger Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Bragg is united in love and marriage to Marji Bragg, and they are blessed
7 with two remarkable children, Thomas A. Bragg, Jr. and Tammy Bragg Lovins; and

8 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the Georgia National Guard in 1955, then joined the Army about
9 a year later to become a paratrooper; he was a demonstrator in an early Rangers-In-Action
10 demonstration, showcasing hand-to-hand combat and repelling for President John F.
11 Kennedy; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Bragg's career is marked with notable achievements in training and
13 leadership; the soldier's service included two tours of Vietnam, time as a Ranger instructor
14 and an Army recruiter, as well as multiple examples of risking his own life to aid others; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom Bragg is often recognized for his resilience; while training Rangers, he had
16 an accident that crushed two vertebrae and fractured his right hip; seven days later he insisted
17 he leave the hospital and return to his company, where he served as the first platoon leader
18 for ten months; he was the only staff sergeant platoon leader of his company, while his
19 platoon accomplished 75 missions and lost only one man; and

20 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame program touted Bragg's will and dedication to getting a job
21 done: "He routinely accomplished what seemed to be impossible," and "In every endeavor
22 he leaves his mark of excellence"; and

23 WHEREAS, in April of 2013, Tom Bragg was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the
24 Ranger Training Brigade; he was recognized for putting himself at risk again in Vietnam to
25 quell a violent exchange of friendly fire; during the confusion, he ran amid fire to get his men
26 to hold their weapons, ultimately diffusing this matter; and

27 WHEREAS, Tom Bragg is also chaplain for the E and C Companies of the Airborne
28 Long-range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRP), as well as the Worldwide Army Rangers; he has
29 remained an active servant in the community through his church, civic groups and a recent
30 stint on the Pierce County Board of Elections; and

31 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
32 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
33 makes this world a better place in which to live.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize Tom Bragg for his courageous service in the military, commend him for his
36 induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame, and appreciate his outstanding dedication to
37 preserving the ideals of our great nation.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tom Bragg.