

Senate Resolution 1104

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943 the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform
9 three distinct missions – emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search
11 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of nearly 2,000 volunteer
13 members in 42 squadrons and four groups located throughout this state; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing squadrons have been awarded the National Squadron of
15 Distinction in 2008 and 2009, the Southeast Region Squadron of Distinction in 2010, and
16 numerous other awards for Counter Drug, Emergency Services, and Cadet Programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members, as an intricate component of our national defense,
18 volunteer their services, time, and resources to actively support the Civil Air Patrol by
19 conducting missions in homeland security, disaster relief and emergency services, search and
20 rescue, counter drug, aerospace education, and cadet programs, as evidenced in 2013 by:
21 locating several missing aircraft and people in Georgia; locating and silencing numerous
22 activated distress beacons; conducting "Sundown Patrols" in South Georgia; and conducting
23 joint exercises with local emergency agencies throughout Georgia whilst utilizing its fully

24 programmed and interoperable system of ground, mobile, and airmobile based radios paired
25 to a robust network of repeaters throughout the State. Georgia Wing volunteers also
26 supported the Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression and other anti-drug efforts, and
27 honored more than 15,000 of Georgia's fallen soldiers through the Wreaths Across America
28 initiative. Moreover, the volunteers introduced hundreds of Georgia youth to aviation
29 through the flight orientation programs. Georgia Cadets competed against Cadets throughout
30 the Southeast Region; and leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character development
31 education was provided to Cadets at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia,
32 while similar skill development courses were given to adult members so that they can work
33 with various emergency jurisdictions throughout Georgia and the Nation; and

34 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2013 was
35 \$5.1 million; and

36 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,
37 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and
38 cadet programs.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol have made to the
41 State of Georgia.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.