

House Resolution 1619

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gage Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gage Stephens is an Airman First Class in the Civil Air Patrol, 507 Ellijay
3 Composite Squadron; and

4 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol performs more than 95 percent of all search and rescue
5 operations in the United States and assists the Federal Emergency Management Agency and
6 local emergency management agencies in relief efforts after natural and man-made disasters;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in January, 2014, Gage Stephens, along with his brother Daniel, witnessed a
9 motor vehicle accident involving a woman whose pickup truck slid off the side of a mountain
10 in north Georgia as a result of dangerous conditions caused by a severe winter storm; and

11 WHEREAS, the woman suffered multiple broken ribs, a broken hip, a lower back injury, and
12 a partially dislocated shoulder when she attempted to vacate the vehicle and tumbled nearly
13 100 feet down the side of the mountain; and

14 WHEREAS, while his brother attended to the woman's injuries, Gage rapidly returned to
15 their house to call 911 and bring back several blankets; and

16 WHEREAS, Gage's efforts contributed significantly to the woman's stabilization and rescue.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Gage Stephens, Airman First Class in the Civil Air
19 Patrol, 507 Ellijay Composite Squadron, for his heroic efforts in aiding a seriously injured
20 fellow citizen.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gage Stephens.