

Senate Resolution 439

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Officer John K. Wilson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Officer John K. Wilson of the Bibb County Public Schools Campus Police  
3 Department has been recognized as Officer of the Year with a Valor Service Award from the  
4 Peace Officers Association of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Wilson is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state  
6 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
7 sound principles of law enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Wilson responded with swiftness and bravery when the Bibb County  
9 Public Schools Campus Police Department received a call on August 29, 2013, that there was  
10 a gun threat at Westside High School in Macon, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, without concern for his own safety, Officer Wilson advised the administration  
12 to immediately place the school on lockdown and quickly proceeded to the area where the  
13 student was last seen; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Wilson intercepted the armed student near the football field house, and  
15 upon confrontation, the student dropped a loaded 0.22 caliber revolver onto the field and was  
16 quickly taken into custody; and

17 WHEREAS, later interviews revealed that the armed student had threatened another student  
18 earlier that day and unsuccessfully attempted to gain entry into the school building but was  
19 unable to enter because the school was on lockdown; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Wilson's immediate fact-finding, proactive decision making, and fast  
21 actions led to the arrest of an armed juvenile suspect and protected Westside High School's  
22 faculty, staff, and students from physical injury and death; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer John K. Wilson's valiant and selfless actions prove that his concern goes  
24 beyond his official duties as a Bibb County Public Schools campus police officer.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members  
26 of this body commend the courageous and selfless dedication of Officer John K. Wilson and  
27 congratulate him upon receiving the Valor Service Award from the Peace Officers  
28 Association of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Officer John K.  
31 Wilson.