

House Resolution 590

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Epps of the 144th, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th, Gravley of the 67th, 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 HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body commend the courageous and selfless
27 dedication of Officer John K. Wilson and congratulate him upon receiving the Valor Service
28 Award from the Peace Officers Association of Georgia.

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