

House Resolution 622

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Roberts of the 155th, Shaw of the 176th, Burns of the 159th, McCall of the 33rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Spencer Pass; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Spencer Pass, a Highway Emergency Response Operator who was killed
4 while assisting a motorist; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Spencer Pass honorably served as a Highway Emergency Response Operator
6 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for approximately three years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Highway Emergency Response Operators program began in 1994 to
8 minimize disruptions to traffic in the Metro Atlanta area, provide service patrol, and assist
9 stranded motorists; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Highway Emergency Response Operators risk their lives every day serving the
11 citizens of Georgia, and in the 18 years the program has been in operation, Spencer Pass is
12 the only HERO who has tragically lost his life; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Spencer Pass was killed in the line of duty in 2011 while assisting a motorist
14 along I-85 south of downtown Atlanta; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after the occurrence of the terrible accident that caused his death, the Georgia
16 General Assembly passed the Spencer Pass Move Over Law, which requires motorists to
17 move an entire lane away from emergency vehicles on roadways; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Spencer Pass is survived by his loving wife, Dawn Pass, his wonderful mother,
19 Barbara Pass Clark, and three amazing sons; and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate, generous, and brave man, Spencer Pass will long be
27 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and son will
28 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Spencer Pass and express
31 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Spencer Pass.