

Senate Resolution 856

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Williams of the 19th, Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Harper of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Trooper Carlos Searcy; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Trooper Carlos Searcy, who is turning 40 years old this year, has been working
3 with the Georgia Department of Public Safety for 20 years as of June 1, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Trooper Searcy is a graduate of Saint Leo University, where he earned a
5 Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army Reserve for eight years, obtaining the rank
7 of sergeant and receiving several awards and commendations while serving; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Trooper Searcy also completed the Primary Leadership Development Course,
9 a month-long program, in Fort Benning, Georgia, and his unit was mobilized twice during
10 his eight years there in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he began his career with the Georgia Department of Public Safety in 1995 and
12 graduated from the 83rd Georgia State Patrol Trooper School, where he delivered the
13 graduation speech and where he was the first African American to be elected by his peers as
14 class president; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his assignments have included Post 46 of Conyers, Post 48 of Atlanta, where
16 he served as the Post Public Information Officer, and Post 50 of Capitol Hill; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Trooper Searcy has also participated in the 2007 and 2011 Governor's
18 Inauguration Pass-In-Review and was also chosen to be part of the security detail for the
19 2009 inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C., for President Barack Obama; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he has received numerous certificates and numerous hours of training in order
21 to be more efficient in performing his duties as a Georgia State Trooper; these duties include,

22 but are not limited to, being a Field Training Officer, Basic Public Information Officer, and
23 Peace Officers Standard and Training Council Instructor and sitting in on the interview panel
24 for those candidates aspiring to become Georgia State Troopers; and

25 WHEREAS, active in his community, Trooper Searcy has been a volunteer basketball and
26 football coach and received the Volunteer of the Year award from his daughter's elementary
27 school; and

28 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Shekeela Cornwell Searcy and is a father
29 of two wonderful daughters, Canecia and Ashtyn; and

30 WHEREAS, devoted Christians, he and his family attend Elizabeth Baptist Church in
31 Douglasville, Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Trooper Carlos Searcy for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
36 service to his community and to the State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Trooper Carlos
39 Searcy.