

House Resolution 1229

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Taylor of the 79th, and Deffenbaugh of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Captain William M. "Bill" Edge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Captain William M. "Bill" Edge was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and
3 received a Bachelor of the Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia and a Masters
4 in Communication from Georgia State University; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain Edge made his career as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve,
6 a journalist, and a public servant; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Edge worked as a news reporter and anchor for WGST-AM Radio in
8 Atlanta from 1981-1997 and a planning news editor for WAGA-TV in Atlanta from
9 1997-2000; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain Edge enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves in 1985, was
11 commissioned as a Public Affairs Officer in 1988, and was promoted to Captain on
12 January 1, 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain Edge has served as director of the United States Navy Central
14 Command/United States Fifth Fleet Reserve Public Affairs Unit in Quincy, Massachusetts;
15 executive officer of United States Fleet Forces Command Public Affairs Reserve Unit in
16 Norfolk, Virginia; director of United States Navy Europe/United States Sixth Fleet Public
17 Affairs Unit in Marietta, Georgia; and as commanding officer of the Navy Reserve Defense
18 Media Activity Unit at Fort Meade, Maryland; and

19 WHEREAS, Captain Edge has completed four tours of active duty, serving as a staff public
20 affairs officer for United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, in support of
21 Operation Joint Endeavor; as assistant force public affairs officer for Central
22 Command/United States Fifth Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, during Operation Enduring
23 Freedom; as the public affairs officer for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force
24 Arabian Peninsula in Balad, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom; and as public affairs officer

25 for Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 in Kabul, Afghanistan, that oversaw
26 detention operations in Afghanistan; and

27 WHEREAS, Captain Edge was awarded the Legion of Merit, two Defense Meritorious
28 Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal,
29 three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the
30 Iraq Campaign Medal, and various other service and campaign medals; and

31 WHEREAS, Captain Edge retired from the United States Navy Reserve on December 1,
32 2015; and

33 WHEREAS, Captain Edge also has served as a public information officer for the Georgia
34 Public Service Commission since 2000 and serves as the commission's chief spokesman.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Captain William M. "Bill" Edge for his honorable
37 service to the United States Navy, the State of Georgia, and the nation.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Captain William M. "Bill" Edge.