

Senate Resolution 115

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Black of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Millar of the 40th, Williams of the 27th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943, the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was
8 assigned to the War Department, and was subsequently chartered by Congress in 1948, as the
9 official auxiliary to the United States Air Force to perform three distinct missions:
10 emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol is celebrating 75 years of performing these "Missions for
12 America," and its Chaplain Corps is celebrating 65 year of providing "Spiritual Service"; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2015, Air Force Chief of Staff, General Mark A. Welsh III, announced that
14 Civil Air Patrol members are part of the United States Air Force's Total Force, joining the
15 ranks of the regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Air Force retired
16 military and civilian employees; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members, as an intricate component of our national defense,
18 volunteer their services, time, and resources to actively support the Civil Air Patrol by
19 conducting missions in homeland security, disaster relief, emergency services, search and
20 rescue, counter drug, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

21 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2015 was
22 over \$5.4 million; and

23 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol, since its inception, have
24 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and
25 cadet programs.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol have made to the
28 State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Civil Air Patrol
31 of Georgia.