

## Senate Resolution 322

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd and Tillery of the 19th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Ricky Thurman; 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 Lt. Ricky Thurman on May 4, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lt. Ricky Thurman was born on February 7, 1961, in Swainsboro, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of Bobby and Emmie Thurman; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lt. Thurman was an active member of  
7 Dellwood Baptist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Terry, and was blessed with two  
9 remarkable children, Joseph and August; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life and career to the protection of his community through  
11 firefighting and began to do so when he was only 16 years old; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Lt. Thurman joined the Swainsboro Fire Department in 1988; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the lives of many Swainsboro citizens were impacted by the courageous efforts  
14 of Lt. Thurman during his career; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was incredibly active with the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation Boot  
16 Drives; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he brought smiles to everyone who was lucky enough to see his portrayal of  
18 Santa Claus during Christmas; and

19 WHEREAS, Lt. Thurman was one of the two, well-deserving Georgia firefighters honored  
20 at the 35th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and brave man, Lt. Thurman will long be remembered for his  
28 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
29 him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Ricky Thurman and express their deepest  
32 and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
35 Lieutenant Ricky Thurman.