

Senate Resolution 623

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowser of the 46th and Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the firefighters involved in the heroic rescue at the Avondale
2 Forest Apartments in Avondale Estates, Georgia, on January 3, 2018; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, firefighters stand ready to protect their communities from fire, accidents, and
4 other hazards and routinely exhibit courage, selflessness, and heroism in the face of
5 overwhelming danger; and

6 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2018, a 9-1-1 call was made stating that the Avondale Forest
7 Apartments were on fire with a second call stating that people were trapped on the third
8 floor, and the firefighters immediately deployed for duty; and

9 WHEREAS, upon arrival, Assistant Chief Jeff Crump determined that additional resources
10 would be needed and called for a second alarm response that dispatched an additional ten
11 units; and

12 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Jeff Crump, Captain Jackie Peckrul and the crew of Engine 3,
13 Captain Scott Stroup and the crew of Engine 7, and Captain Jovan Carter and the crew of
14 Quint 24 worked together and coordinated an incredible rescue; and

15 WHEREAS, the rescue effort assisted a woman confined to a wheelchair, newborn twins, a
16 toddler, a four-year old girl, a young boy, the children's mother, the children's father, a
17 son-in-law, and a neighbor a few apartments down from where the fire originated; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 60 firefighters including fire investigation units 502, 503, 505, Air
19 22, Battalion 3, Battalion 5, Car 2, Car 7, Engine 3, Engine 6, Engine 7, Engine 9, Engine
20 11, Engine and Truck 20, Engine 22, Engine and Truck 23, Engine 26, Heavy Rescue and
21 Quint 24, PIO, Truck 1, and Truck 16 responded; and

22 WHEREAS, the outstanding skill, competence, and operational strength of these firefighters
23 resulted in the rescue of all individuals trapped in the apartments, with no casualties or
24 life-threatening injuries; and

25 WHEREAS, their remarkable rescue became a state-wide sensation as citizens across the
26 State of Georgia remarked upon their heroic actions; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
28 extraordinary individuals be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the firefighters involved in the heroic rescue at the Avondale Forest
31 Apartments in Avondale Estates, Georgia, on January 3, 2018, and express gratitude for their
32 continued courage, selflessness, and efficacy.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
35 press.