

Senate Resolution 934

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 17th, Cowser of the 46th and Albers of the 56th

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 meant to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial
5 coastal 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 then designated official auxiliary to the United States
9 Air Force to perform emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search
11 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center with its 58,000
12 volunteers and 560 aircrafts; and

13 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is celebrating its 70 year association with the United States
14 Air Force in performing these "Missions for America" as part of the United States Air Force's
15 Total Force, joining the ranks of the regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force
16 Reserve, and Air Force retired military and civilian employees; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of nearly 1,900 volunteer
18 members in 43 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state, which were awarded
19 the National Squadron of Distinction in both 2008 and 2009; the Southeast Region Squadron
20 of Distinction in 2010; numerous other honors for counter drug, emergency services, and
21 cadet programs; and a National Commander's Citation for its support of Deep Water
22 Horizon; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members volunteer their time, services, and resources to actively
24 support the Civil Air Patrol by conducting missions in homeland security, disaster relief and
25 emergency services, search and rescue, counter drug, aerospace education, and cadet
26 programs; and

27 WHEREAS, these efforts were exhibited by their relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane
28 Harvey, Irma, and Maria; in supporting the Governor's Task Force for Drug Suppression; and
29 by honoring more than 15,000 of Georgia's fallen soldiers through the Wreaths Across
30 America initiative; and

31 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2017 was
32 almost \$5.7 million; and

33 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,
34 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and
35 cadet programs; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication and efforts of these brave
37 volunteers be appropriately recognized.

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

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Wing
43 of the Civil Air Patrol.