

Senate Resolution 945

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Albers of the 56th, Kirk of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most noble, patriotic, and
4 selfless citizens with the passing of Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher, who lost his life in
5 the line of duty on February 5, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher was born on November 23, 1959, in Cherry
7 Point, North Carolina, a beloved son of Gregory and Josephine Meagher; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Meagher moved to Augusta at the age of 13, where his positive
9 interactions with Richmond County police officers as young man inspired him to pursue a
10 career in law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, he began working for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office on December 3,
12 1984, and was assigned to the patrol division; and over the course of the next decade he
13 joined the SWAT team and was later promoted to the role of investigator and assigned to the
14 Narcotics Division of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office; and

15 WHEREAS, as a street investigator and a major case investigator, Greg was active in the
16 Narcotics Division for 25 years, where he had a reputation as a hard worker and a mentor to
17 young investigators, earning him the nickname "Mother Goose" for his penchant of taking
18 young investigators under his wing; and

19 WHEREAS, after joining the Drug Enforcement Agency as a task force officer in 2004,
20 Sergeant Meagher was shot in the neck by a drug trafficker during an arrest in June of the
21 same year, but his passion for law enforcement was not dimmed and he soon returned to
22 police work; and

23 WHEREAS, as a police-shooting survivor, Sergeant Meagher was key in helping other
24 officers deal with the stresses of being a survivor, and in 2016, the Police Benevolent
25 Association of Georgia invited him to its annual conference where he took two surviving
26 officers under his wing and helped them work through the immense trauma they had
27 experienced; and

28 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
29 of his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the public; and

30 WHEREAS, he will be forever remembered by the citizens of his community and by state
31 and local government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
32 administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

33 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2017, Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher made the ultimate
34 sacrifice for his community while valiantly saving a woman from a fatal chemical leak; and

35 WHEREAS, Sergeant Meagher leaves behind three remarkable children, Lindsey, Maggie,
36 and Emma, and one wonderful grandchild, Sydney; and

37 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher will be missed by all who had the great
38 fortune of knowing him and his legacy will serve as an inspiration to countless men and
39 women as a shining example of courageous and compassionate service in law enforcement.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 join in honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher and express
42 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
45 Sergeant Gregory Michael Meagher.