

Senate Resolution 324

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, McLaurin of the 14th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st 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 subsequently designated by Congress on May 26, 1948,
9 as the 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 air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search
12 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center with its 62,000
13 volunteers and 540 aircrafts; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members, as an intricate component of our national defense,
15 volunteer their services, time, and resources to actively support Civil Air Patrol by

16 conducting missions in homeland security, disaster relief, and emergency services, search
17 and rescue, counter drug, aerospace education, and cadet programs, as evidenced this past
18 year by: assisting the Department of Homeland Security and the Air Force in their aerial
19 response preparation for Superbowl LIII, heavily supporting hurricane relief efforts for Ian
20 by assisting FEMA photograph damage and providing thousands of aerial images, locating
21 and silencing numerous activated distress beacons, conducting "Sundown Patrols" in South
22 Georgia, and conducting joint exercises with local emergency agencies throughout Georgia
23 whilst utilizing its fully programmed and interoperable system of ground, mobile, and
24 airmobile based radios paired to a robust network of repeaters throughout the state; and

25 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,
26 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, serving America's
27 communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Wing
33 of the Civil Air Patrol.