Senate Resolution 1396
By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Thompson of the 33rd and Wiles of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the Georgia State Defense Force; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force (GSDF) is composed of outstanding Americans serving the Department of Defense and serving fellow Georgians without compensation or reward; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2010, the GSDF responded to a ten night operations mission to provide medical and flight line assistance for the National Disaster Medical System Patient Reception Area at Dobbins Air Reserve Base; and

WHEREAS, the objective of GSDF’s important mission was a coordinated response with the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide medical evacuation of seriously injured Haitian parolees to hospitals in the Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS, the GSDF assignment was to control flight line access/safety; to coordinate patient offload procedures with the Department of Defense Medevac Crew, the Department of Customs, and Border Protection Officers; and to coordinate the transportation to designated Atlanta area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, this "Healing Hands" mission was completed with flawless precision, dedication, professionalism, and compassion and helped save or substantially improve the lives of 50 Haitian neighbors; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of Operation Helping Hands be appropriately recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend the Georgia State Defense Force for their humanitarian and life-saving efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia State Defense Force Commanding General, Brigadier General Jerry J. Bradford.