

## Senate Resolution 940

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Bearden of the 30th, Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Firefighter Daniel Norton of the Paulding County Fire &  
2 Rescue for his outstanding acts of heroism and his dedication to public safety excellence; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Firefighter Daniel Norton has distinguished himself as a dedicated public  
5 servant of Paulding County Fire & Rescue, exemplifying the highest standards of  
6 professionalism, integrity, and commitment to excellence within the fire service; and

7 WHEREAS, Firefighter Norton achieved extraordinary success on the world stage at the  
8 World Police and Fire Olympics, where he earned the gold medal, and he is the reigning  
9 World Heavyweight Champion, proudly representing the United States of America, the State  
10 of Georgia, and Paulding County Fire & Rescue, as well as the fire service community, at  
11 the highest level of international competition; and

12 WHEREAS, Firefighter Norton has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to firefighter  
13 development through his continued service as an instructor with FLAMES, traveling  
14 extensively throughout Georgia and Florida to train and influence hundreds of firefighters  
15 nationwide and abroad, thereby advancing the safety, skill, and readiness of the fire service;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, as a Georgia Smoke Diver and FLAMES Chief of Development (COD),  
18 Firefighter Norton developed and implemented a preparatory academy for Paulding County  
19 Fire & Rescue personnel, ensuring participants were mentally and physically prepared for  
20 the demanding conditions of advanced, high-risk training programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Firefighter Norton has shown exceptional dedication to the recognition and  
22 success of his peers by leading the planning and execution of Paulding County Fire &  
23 Rescue's first-ever department awards banquet, including extensive research into recognition  
24 programs, development of award criteria aligned with departmental values, and creation of  
25 an accessible peer-nomination system to ensure fairness, transparency, and meaningful  
26 recognition; and

27 WHEREAS, while leading significant department-wide initiatives, Firefighter Norton has  
28 continued to pursue his own professional growth, completing officer series NPQ coursework  
29 and becoming one of the first members of Paulding County Fire & Rescue to earn NPQ  
30 certification as an Aerial Operator (AOPL); and

31 WHEREAS, Firefighter Norton contributes to the long-term strength and sustainability of  
32 the organization through his service on the Recruitment and Retention Committee,  
33 supporting strategic recruitment efforts and personnel selection processes; and

34 WHEREAS, since joining Paulding County Fire & Rescue with more than a decade of prior  
35 experience, Firefighter Norton has proven himself to be an invaluable asset, respected leader,  
36 mentor, and ambassador for excellence in the fire service.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 recognize and commend Firefighter Daniel Norton for his exceptional service and

39 world-class athletic achievements representing our state and country as well as his lasting  
40 contributions to public safety, firefighter development, and the citizens of the State of  
41 Georgia and extend our sincere appreciation for his continued dedication and leadership.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Firefighter Daniel  
44 Norton.