

House Resolution 1150

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 132nd, and Bonner of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Commander Shawn McMillan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Commander Shawn McMillan valiantly and courageously served as a guardian
6 of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Coast Guard for 20 years and
7 retired from service on October 1, 2020; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Newnan High School in Newnan, Georgia, in 1995 and
9 attended one year of community college at the University of West Georgia, during which
10 time he achieved appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, following his appointment, he earned a Bachelor of Science in naval
12 architecture and marine engineering from the academy, which paved the way for his
13 distinguished career; and

14 WHEREAS, Commander McMillan was stationed at three geographically diverse air
15 stations, during which time he safely conducted 133 search and rescue cases with 88 cases
16 as the pilot in command, saving the lives of many; and

17 WHEREAS, he is well-known and respected for his leadership and served in many different
18 capacities during his time with the United States Coast Guard, including as assistant
19 operations officer, flight safety officer, current operations officer, and director of auxiliary;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Commander McMillan oversaw the
22 planning and execution of 2,748 program flight hours across a wide spectrum of Coast Guard
23 missions, inculcated high safety standards through effective training and advocating for
24 improved equipment, compiled DHS component current operational plans to create the first
25 department operational heat map and catalogue, and played a significant role in the
26 production of a highly read and functional volunteer workforce for the Coast Guard; and

27 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
28 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
29 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be appropriately
30 recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Commander Shawn McMillan for his
33 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and this nation and
34 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Commander Shawn McMillan.