

House Resolution 141

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State Defense Force Command Sergeant Major George R. Garrett; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State Defense Force Command Sergeant Major George R. Garrett was
4 born in Monroe, Georgia, in 1945, graduated from Georgia Southern College in 1968 with
5 a Bachelor of Science degree, and attended the University of Georgia's School of Education;
6 he enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard in 1968 and entered active duty for basic
7 training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

8 WHEREAS, he served in overseas deployments to Panama and Ecuador and was mobilized
9 for federal active duty service from 1990-1991 in support of Operations Desert Shield and
10 Desert Storm, where he was Public Affairs Chief of the 124th Public Affairs Detachment;
11 he served numerous mobilizations in Military Support to Civil Authorities actions, including
12 an assignment as Task Force Centennial Guard CSM for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; and

13 WHEREAS, CSM Garrett completed Noncommissioned Officer Education courses,
14 including the First Sergeant Course and the Instructor Training Course, graduated from the
15 United States Army Sergeants Major Academy in 1994, and retired from the Georgia Army
16 National Guard in 2002 after 34 years of service; his last assignment was as Command
17 Sergeant Major of the 265th Engineer Group (COMBAT); and

18 WHEREAS, his federal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal,
19 the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Reserve Components
20 Achievement Medal (3rd Award), and the National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); his
21 state awards include the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal, the Georgia Commendation
22 Medal, and the Georgia State Defense Force Commendation Medal; CSM Garrett is also the
23 recipient of the Bronze Order of DeFlurey; and

24 WHEREAS, CSM Garrett enlisted in the Georgia State Defense Force in 2003 and has held
25 positions of Operations, Sergeant Major, HQ 1st Brigade, Command Sergeant Major, 1st
26 Brigade, and State Command Sergeant Major, HQ, Georgia State Defense Force; and

27 WHEREAS, he has been the mayor of Good Hope, Georgia, since 2003, having previously
28 served as city councilman from 1996-2003, and he will be stepping down from that position
29 after a highly successful tenure as mayor; he is the president and chief executive officer of
30 Accolades Awards and Recognition Gifts, Inc. and a deacon and a senior adults Life Group
31 leader at Walker Baptist Church; he has served on the board of directors of multiple
32 nonprofit organizations, including the Walton County Healthcare Foundation, Inc., Walton
33 County Christian Learning Centers, Inc., and the Northeast Georgia March of Dimes, Inc.;
34 and he was honored as an "Unsung Hero" by *The Walton Tribune* newspaper; and

35 WHEREAS, he serves as a member of the Walton County Citizens Corps Council, the
36 Community Emergency Response Team, the Northeast Georgia Regional Bicycling and
37 Pedestrian Task Force, and the Monroe Lions Club, and he is vice chairman of the Walton
38 County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend Georgia State Defense Force Command
41 Sergeant Major George R. Garrett for his many accomplishments and contributions to his
42 community, state, and country.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia State Defense Force
45 Command Sergeant Major George R. Garrett.