

Senate Resolution 149

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the White County Color and Honor Guard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the White County Color and Honor Guard was formed in 1998 and is currently  
3 made up of 30 White County residents, including Charlie Thomas, Jr., president; Glen  
4 Abernathy, vice president; Jeremy Bruce, secretary-treasurer; Bob Bardenwerper, funeral  
5 coordinator; Richard Thomas, training officer; Tom Bardenwerper, armorer; Mike Allen;  
6 William Bell; Craig Carlan; Larry Clark; Tom Dyer; Randy Ellis; Freddie Furry; Dave  
7 Fortner; Roy Garner; Claude Gilleland; Bobby Harkins; LaVerne Holeman; Dickie Howard;  
8 Elmer Nix; Ben Sartain; Stuart Stovall; Bud Sutton; J. C. Sutton; Ernest Thomas; James  
9 Thomas; William Thomas; N.U. Turpen; Tony Vandiver; and Stanley Williams; and

10 WHEREAS, it has members representing service in every branch of the United States  
11 military and is authorized by the Veteran Service Corps to provide military funerals in the  
12 State of Georgia - the first Honor Guard in the State of Georgia to receive the certification  
13 by completing the training at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins; and

14 WHEREAS, the White County Color and Honor Guard honors the fallen by presenting  
15 colors and participating in approximately 65 funerals for Armed Forces veterans in White  
16 County and the surrounding area each year, thereby providing much due recognition of the  
17 veteran's service to the United States of America and comfort to the grieving family and  
18 friends; and

19 WHEREAS, it participates in numerous church services, educational programs at local  
20 schools, parades, historical events, award ceremonies, and military remembrances each year  
21 in order to display their support of American troops, teach flag etiquette, and encourage  
22 patriotism; and

23 WHEREAS, it meets monthly to practice drills and trains with active duty personnel from  
24 the Georgia Army National Guard on a regular basis; and

25 WHEREAS, the White County Color and Honor Guard is a nonprofit organization that has  
26 dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to recognizing the contributions of the United States  
27 military to the freedoms which we as American citizens enjoy as a result of their service and  
28 sacrifice.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend the White County Color and Honor Guard's contributions through their education  
31 and service to White County and extend to the Honor Guard their deepest appreciation.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the White County  
34 Color and Honor Guard.