

Senate Resolution 187

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2012 Georgia Hospital Heroes Award recipient, Chief Tim
2 Brogdon; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Tim Brogdon has been an exemplary leader and role model in Emergency
4 Medical Services (EMS) for over 39 years and has acted as EMS director for Lowndes
5 County for 37 years; and

6 WHEREAS, more that 25 years ago, he dedicated his time to reducing ambulance response
7 times and began working on what would become the best emergency response service in the
8 state; and

9 WHEREAS, because of Chief Brogdon's initiative, the average ambulance response time is
10 currently less than eight minutes per call; and

11 WHEREAS, a true innovator with the determination to make saving lives a more efficient
12 and successful process, Chief Brogdon helped to implement smaller diagnostic and
13 therapeutic equipment for ambulances and was one of the first EMS directors to fund EKG
14 telemetry, a process of monitoring heart activity onboard ambulances; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Brogdon worked with volunteer organizations to purchase one of the first
16 Jaws of Life, a hydraulic rescue tool used to free people from mangled cars, thereby making
17 the process for handling victims of automobile accidents safer; and

18 WHEREAS, he has devoted his talents to the vital task of ensuring that emergency medical
19 technician students working through the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's EMS
20 program at South Georgia Medical Center have the opportunity of riding approximately 500
21 hours a month with the EMS service, thereby gaining invaluable skills from hands-on
22 experience; and

23 WHEREAS, prior to his current accolade, Chief Brogdon was appropriately recognized as
24 the recipient of the John B. O'Neal III Emergency Medical Service Pioneer Award in 2008;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in 2011 he also received the Governor's Public Safety Award, which recognizes
27 individuals for overwhelming contributions to public safety professions; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Chief Tim Brogdon for his remarkable professional contributions and congratulate
32 him on being named the recipient of the 2012 Georgia Hospital Heroes Award.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Tim Brogdon.