

Senate Resolution 698

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Hill of the 4th, Sims of the 12th, Heath of the 31st, Ginn of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Officer,
2 Game Warden First Class (GWFC) Patrick Gibbs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Patrick Gibbs has served with honor and distinction as Game Warden First
4 Class Officer (GWFC) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and recently
5 received the Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division's honorable 2019 Rocky Wainwright
6 Waterfowl Award and James R. Darnell Award; and

7 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
8 of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
11 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
12 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion
14 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his
15 duties; and

16 WHEREAS, GWFC Gibbs' efficient and effective commitment to excellence is evident in
17 his significant accomplishments while on patrol, including dedicating 866 hours to wildlife
18 enforcement, 249 hours to fishing enforcement, and 298 hours to boating enforcement;
19 documenting 223 hunting license checks with 80 assists and 293 fishing license checks with
20 75 assists; conducting 125 vessel inspections; leading the region in total contacts in the
21 categories of boating under the influence, Hunting Turkey Over Bait, groups of night deer
22 hunters caught, waterfowl violations, and hunting waterfowl after hours; and apprehending
23 six groups of night deer hunters; and

24 WHEREAS, the passion demonstrated by GWFC Gibbs in his protection and preservation
25 of Georgia's natural and cultural resources evidences his desire to place others first, and this
26 passion epitomizes what it truly means to be a public servant; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
28 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the
29 citizens of this state.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Game Warden First Class Patrick Gibbs for his praiseworthy efforts
32 and relentlessness in the face of wrongdoing and for his demonstrated respect for the land
33 and people around him.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Game Warden
36 First Class Patrick Gibbs.