

Senate Resolution 773

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Bethel of the 54th, Carter of the 1st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Conservation Sergeant Mark Carson with the Georgia
2 Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division for dedicated service to the
3 citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2013, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Law
5 Enforcement Division was notified of a possible suicide attempt in progress on the nearby
6 480 foot cable-stayed Sidney Lanier Bridge; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson immediately ran to his service vehicle and made his way to the
8 bridge where there had been ten previous suicides; and

9 WHEREAS, at 2:15 p.m. Sergeant Carson notified Georgia State Patrol that he had arrived
10 at the Sidney Lanier Bridge, and identified the subject in question; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson engaged the subject, who was sitting on the outer barrier with
12 his legs on the water side of the barrier, asking his name, and asking him to come back over
13 the barrier to speak to Sergeant Carson. At this time Brunswick Police Department Officer
14 Martin arrived. The subject refused to return to safety, stood up, and let go of the barrier
15 while staring at the water. Officer Martin engaged the subject while Sergeant Carson moved
16 in closer. Suddenly, the subject moved away from Officer Martin and began staring at the
17 water and moving toward the edge of the bridge. Officer Martin grabbed the combative
18 subject. Sergeant Carson grabbed both Officer Martin and the subject, falling backward,
19 dragging them both to the road and safety. Once Sergeant Carson had the individual back
20 on the bridge, he continued to fight, was handcuffed, and placed in a patrol car; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson showed courage and valor by putting himself in danger when
22 he positioned himself near the edge of the bridge while confronting an unstable individual,
23 saving the individual and Officer Martin.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 hereby commend Conservation Sergeant Mark Carson for his heroic efforts to rescue this
26 individual in eminent danger of drowning.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Conservation Sergeant Mark Carson.