

House Resolution 542

By: Representative Tanner of the 9<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Sergeant First Class Jason Bent and the University of North Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia (UNG) is designated by federal law as one of  
4 only six senior military colleges in the nation; others include the Citadel, Norwich  
5 University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Tech; and

6 WHEREAS, because of this special mission, the University of North Georgia is designated  
7 by state legislation as the Military College of Georgia and by the University System of  
8 Georgia Board of Regents as a state leadership institution for civilian and military students;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, active duty members of the United States Army are stationed at the university  
11 to provide military instruction to the nearly 800 cadets in UNG's Army ROTC program; and

12 WHEREAS, the Commanding General of the United States Army Cadet Command, which  
13 oversees 275 senior ROTC programs and 1,600 JROTC units throughout the nation, has  
14 selected UNG instructor, Sergeant First Class Jason Bent, as the top Army ROTC instructor  
15 in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, SFC Bent was selected based on demonstrated competence and commitment  
17 to cadets and chain of command, his Army physical fitness test score, and the  
18 recommendation of his commanding officer, the professor of military science at UNG; and  
19 the final selection was made by Major General Christopher Hughes after a review of  
20 materials and classroom instruction techniques; and

21 WHEREAS, SFC Bent is now under consideration for selection as Instructor of the Year by  
22 the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, which is responsible for all Army  
23 training and oversees six major subordinate centers and commands, including cadet

24 command, and 32 Army schools that train more than 500,000 soldiers and service members  
25 each year; and

26 WHEREAS, at UNG, Bent works closely with third-year cadets called observer trainer  
27 mentors who are responsible for planning and running training sessions for younger cadets,  
28 which mirrors the responsibilities of a second lieutenant in charge of a platoon; and

29 WHEREAS, SFC Bent has been in the Army for 14 years and previously served as a drill  
30 sergeant at Fort Benning for three years; and

31 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia commissioned 83 military officers in  
32 2015-2016; nearly a third of those cadets ranked in the top 20 percent of the National Order  
33 of Merit List, which annually ranks more than 5,000 Army ROTC cadets, earning the status  
34 of Distinguished Military Graduate; and eight UNG cadets finished in the top 10 percent in  
35 national ranking.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body honor Sergeant First Class Jason Bent for his outstanding  
38 dedication to this nation and the education of ROTC cadets and the University of North  
39 Georgia for producing hard-working, intelligent, and devoted military officers.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
42 Sergeant First Class Jason Bent and the University of North Georgia.