

## Senate Resolution 1120

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Balfour of the 9th and Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Amy Oates Ranel and Drew Ridgley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Amy Oates Ranel, an executive producer for Fox 5 News, and Drew Ridgley,  
3 a student at Georgia Gwinnett College, alerted the residents of a home which had caught fire,  
4 ultimately saving the lives of the sleeping occupants; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County firefighters responded to a house fire on the 2100 block of  
6 West Drowning Creek Road the morning of January 8, 2014, battling a blaze that began  
7 inside a garage and quickly spread to the main home's second story and attic; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ms. Ranel was beginning her morning commute just after 5:00 that fateful  
9 morning, when she noticed smoke and flames towering from the back of a Dacula home; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ridgley, who was also passing by the home and spotted the flames,  
11 proceeded to help Ms. Ranel alert the residents of the impending fire; and
- 12 WHEREAS, responding firefighters found a large, semi-attached garage/workshop that was  
13 fully engulfed in flames, as well as four vehicles; the blaze spread to the second floor and  
14 attic of the nearby home and crews deployed multiple hoses to attack it from the outside; and
- 15 WHEREAS, because of the courageous action displayed by these two brave Georgians, four  
16 lives were saved; it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be appropriately recognized.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 recognize and commend Amy Oates Ranel and Drew Ridgley on their bravery and heroism.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Amy Oates Ranel and Drew Ridgley.