

Senate Resolution 1185

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Nighthawks DUI Task Force; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force, a unit of the Georgia State Patrol, was  
3 initiated in October, 2004, with ten members who are among the most highly trained DUI  
4 law enforcement officers in Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force patrols Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and  
6 Gwinnett counties during peak DUI related hours and is funded with a grant from the  
7 Governor's Office of Highway Safety; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Nighthawks received the International Association of Chiefs of  
9 Police National Impaired Enforcement Award for their hard work and dedication; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in November, 2009, a newly formed DUI Nighthawks South Team was  
11 deployed in Bulloch County; this eight-member team patrols the Savannah-Statesboro area  
12 in an effort to reduce the number of impaired driving crashes; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in late Fall 2009, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force was expanded and divided  
14 into two separate units, Nighthawks DUI Task Force North and Nighthawks DUI Task Force  
15 South; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force North utilizes an additional six troopers and  
17 primarily focuses enforcement efforts in Fulton, Gwinnett, and Athens-Clarke counties,  
18 which are among the top five Georgia counties with the most alcohol related fatality crashes;  
19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, in Spring 2012, another Nighthawks DUI Task Force was created in Middle  
21 Georgia to focus its enforcement on impaired driving in Macon and Columbus; the  
22 Nighthawks Middle Georgia DUI Task Force is assigned six troopers; and

23 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Nighthawks DUI Task Force has saved countless lives  
24 and made 15,779 arrests; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this courageous  
26 group of Georgians be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend the Nighthawks DUI Task Force for its dedication and commitment  
29 to improving and preserving the safety of all Georgians.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Nighthawks DUI Task Force.