

## House Resolution 335

By: Representatives Rogers of the 10<sup>th</sup>, Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Kirby of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 129<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of  
4 volunteers meant to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial  
5 coastal patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943, the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as  
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was  
8 assigned to the War Department and in 1948 designated as the official auxiliary to the United  
9 States Air Force to perform emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search  
12 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center with its 60,000  
13 volunteers and 560 aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's association with the United States Air Force in performing  
15 these "Missions for America" as part of the United States Air Force's Total Force joins the  
16 ranks of the regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Air Force retired  
17 military and civilian employees; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of nearly 1,900 volunteer  
19 members in 43 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state, which were awarded  
20 the National Squadron of Distinction in both 2008 and 2009; the Southeast Region Squadron  
21 of Distinction in 2010; numerous other honors for counter drug, emergency services, and  
22 cadet programs; and a National Commander's Citation for its support of Deep Water  
23 Horizon; and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members volunteer their time, services, and resources to actively  
25 support the Civil Air Patrol by conducting missions in homeland security, disaster relief and  
26 emergency services, search and rescue, counter drug, aerospace education, and cadet  
27 programs; and

28 WHEREAS, these efforts were most recently exhibited by their relief efforts for the victims  
29 of Hurricanes Florence and Michael; by supporting the Department of Homeland Security  
30 and Air Force in aerial response preparations for Super Bowl LIII; conducting joint exercises  
31 with local emergency management agencies; and by honoring more than 15,000 of Georgia's  
32 fallen soldiers through the Wreaths Across America initiative; and

33 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing members received national recognition in 2018 by receiving  
34 awards for the CAP Aerospace Education Mission, the CAP Cadet Program, the Aerospace  
35 Education Teacher of the Year, the Air Force Sergeants Association Cadet NCO of the Year,  
36 and four National Balsem Awards for Top Public Affairs Efforts; and

37 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2018 was  
38 almost \$5.8 million; and

39 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,  
40 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and  
41 cadet programs; and

42 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication and efforts of these brave  
43 volunteers be appropriately recognized.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air  
46 Patrol to the State of Georgia.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
49 Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.