

House Resolution 762

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Walton County Citizen Corps Council; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Walton County Citizen Corps Council will celebrate its 10th anniversary
4 of service to the citizens of Walton County this year; and

5 WHEREAS, the formative meeting was held by three residents of Walton County, who
6 realized the need to better prepare Walton County citizens for natural and man-caused
7 disasters, and the County Emergency Management Agency Director on November 12, 2009;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Council has incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and has since grown to
10 a Board of Directors of 12 concerned citizens representing five volunteer organizations active
11 in disasters. The Walton County Emergency Management Agency Director also has Board
12 membership as both a participant and consultant; and

13 WHEREAS, the Council has subscribed to the mission of harnessing the power of the
14 individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make Walton County safer,
15 stronger, and better prepared against the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and
16 disasters of all kinds; and

17 WHEREAS, to further that mission over the last ten years, the Council has sponsored the
18 training of over 200 citizens of Walton County through Community Emergency Response
19 Training in conjunction with the professionals of the Walton County Fire/Rescue Service,
20 Emergency Medical Services, and Walton County Sheriff's Office; and

21 WHEREAS, the Council facilitated the establishment of the Walton County Medical Reserve
22 Corps; and

23 WHEREAS, the Council and its supported organizations have participated in local and
24 regional preparedness exercises and training through local and area hospitals, law
25 enforcement, and the Public Health Service; and

26 WHEREAS, the Council is a participating member of the Walton County Local Emergency
27 Planning Committee and with its supported organizations has participated in local public
28 events, such as communications, first aid support, and parking for community events; and

29 WHEREAS, the Council has accomplished successful public outreach and education through
30 participation in the annual Walton County Sheriff's National Night Out program,
31 informational programs presented to civic and religious groups, as well as updates to the
32 Walton County Municipal Association. The Council also sponsored an Emergency
33 Preparedness Fair held at a local park to increase public awareness of available agencies,
34 organizations, and equipment as well as opportunities for training and volunteer service; and

35 WHEREAS, the Council maintains continued public awareness through social media and its
36 website; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
38 phenomenal council be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize and commend the Walton County Citizen Corps Council
41 for its ten years of service to the citizens of Walton County.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 Walton County Citizen Corps Council.