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**NORTHEAST GEORGIA MAN HONORED AS
FIRST “EVERYDAY HERO” FOR DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

ATLANTA – Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Ross is proud to announce Tony Robertson of Franklin County is the Department’s first “Everyday Hero”.

As part of Public Employee Recognition week, Robertson was honored for performing his normal job duties at the highest level and for going above and beyond his job description. District Engineer Russell McMurry explained, “Tony works as an Equipment Operator on the Interstate 85 litter crew in Jackson County. Daily, he picks up litter before it becomes a hazard to motorists. Twice in the last year, Tony has found valuables lost by motorists. The first time it was a lock box and its contents were strewn along the interstate. Among the valuables were a valid passport, original birth certificates, insurance policies, matured certificates of deposit and antique coins. The contents were valued at over \$60,000. The second time, Tony found a wallet containing current credit cards, a driver’s license and other important documents. We’ve been able to find the owners and return the valuables in both cases.”

Robertson is a 13 year veteran of DOT. Commissioner Ross said, “Public Employee Recognition Week is a chance for us to honor State Workers. Often their work is overlooked. In both instances, when we located both owners they were thrilled and amazed that we valuables were returned. Tony is our first Everyday Hero because he exemplifies an outstanding work ethic, and strong character. We are proud that he is our colleague and our friend.”

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EDITOR’S NOTE – I have an electronic photo of Tony that I can email you. Please let me know if you’d like a copy.