

House Resolution 72EX2

By: Representative Channell of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Scott Batson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Association recently named Scott Batson, owner of Scott
3 Batson Logging Co., Inc., as 2001 Logger of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, he began working part-time at age 12 in the logging business started by his
5 father, Travis Batson, during the early 1960s; and

6 WHEREAS, a master of his craft, he has demonstrated the heart and perseverance to
7 maintain a respected and profitable business in an industry prone to extreme market shifts;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he attributes his success to adherence to four basic principles of logging: safety,
10 land stewardship, high ethical standards, and loyalty to his timber company; and

11 WHEREAS, he developed an innovative and impressive safety audit program that can be
12 performed at any time by the logger, forester, or landowner; and

13 WHEREAS, his loyalty to his employees is demonstrated by offering full medical insurance,
14 competitive salaries, and paid vacations and sick leave for full-time employees; and

15 WHEREAS, he is dedicated to following harvesting guidelines and regulations, and he often
16 advises landowners that the wildlife they protect with streamside management zones is worth
17 a lot more than they would get for the trees within those zones; and

18 WHEREAS, he had the foresight and courage to invest more than \$1 million in his business,
19 and he is meticulous in making sure his crews take the extra time to clear air filters and
20 maintain trucks and logging equipment regularly in order to protect that investment and
21 combat rising fuel costs; and

1 WHEREAS, his services to landowners include rendering advice regarding options for site
2 preparation and replanting and making suggestions on methods to manage their timberland
3 more effectively.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend and congratulate Scott Batson, 2001 Logger of the Year.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Scott Batson.