

House Resolution 70

By: Representative Floyd of the 132<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 30, 2003, as "Forestry Day at the Capitol" and inviting Andy Stone,  
2 Paul Mott, and Fred Allen of the Georgia Forestry Association to appear before the House  
3 of Representatives.
- 4 WHEREAS, forestry is the leading industry in this state, creating 177,000 jobs and having  
5 a \$19.5 billion annual economic impact in this state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia's 24.4 million acres of forestland occupy two-thirds of this state's total  
7 land area of 37 million acres; and
- 8 WHEREAS, 23.8 million acres of Georgia's forestland—more than that of any other state—are  
9 available for commercial use, of which 72 percent is owned by private non-industrial  
10 landowners; and
- 11 WHEREAS, timber is the highest valued crop in this state, and Georgia remains one of the  
12 top pulp and paper producing states in the nation; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Georgia's forests not only are economically important but also provide vital  
14 environmental and social benefits; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Association (GFA), founded in 1907, is one of the oldest  
16 conservation organizations in the United States; and through the years GFA has worked with  
17 landowners in protecting their property rights and adopting sound land management practices  
18 to ensure that our forests continue to provide clean air, clean water, soil conservation,  
19 wildlife habitat, beauty and recreational opportunities; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the significant contributions of this industry and  
21 organization to the welfare of this state be recognized.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize January 30, 2003, as "Forestry Day at the Capitol" in  
3 honor of the significant contributions made to the welfare of this state by forestry and the  
4 Georgia Forestry Association.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Andy Stone, Paul Mott, and Fred Allen of the Georgia  
6 Forestry Association are invited to appear before the House of Representatives on such date  
7 at a time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Forestry  
10 Association.