

**House Resolution 1176**

By: Representatives Hanner of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Shaw of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Buckner of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Purcell of the 122<sup>nd</sup>

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Recognizing February 10, 2004, as "Forestry Day at the Capitol" and inviting Monte
- 2 Simpson, Andy Stone, and Steve McWilliams of the Georgia Forestry Association to appear
- 3 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, forestry is the leading industry in this state, creating 177,000 jobs and having
- 5 a \$25.4 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 February 10, 2004, 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 Monte Simpson, Andy Stone, and Steve McWilliams  
6 of the Georgia Forestry Association are invited to appear before the House of  
7 Representatives on such date at a time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives.

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