

Senate Resolution 898

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the Georgia Fire Service long-range improvement program; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service includes: the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, the  
4 Georgia State Firefighters Association, the Georgia Mutual Aid Group, the Georgia Fire and  
5 Emergency Service Joint Council, the Georgia Fire Investigators Association, the Georgia  
6 Fire Inspectors Association, the Georgia Public Safety Educators Association, the Georgia  
7 Rural Fire Defense Council, the Georgia Forestry Commission, the Georgia Public Safety  
8 Training Center, the Georgia Fire Academy, the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office, and the  
9 Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service has established a master plan to exercise its leadership  
11 within the state-wide emergency response community and with local fire departments; and

12 WHEREAS, present Georgia Fire Service strategic planning and program implementation  
13 activity will ultimately lead to increased public confidence, both within the fire service and  
14 the state-wide emergency response community, as well as vastly improved communication  
15 between local and state governments; and

16 WHEREAS, agencies of the federal government, including the Office of Domestic  
17 Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fire Administration, U.S.  
18 Justice Department, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, have either directly  
19 supported the new organizing effort or have indicated a strong willingness to do so; and

20 WHEREAS, a series of project charters addressing critical needs in the areas of technology,  
21 training, readiness, disaster response, and research and development have already been  
22 completed and approved; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service has successfully completed preliminary fact finding  
2 regarding the needs and concerns of Georgia firefighters and local fire departments as part  
3 of its responsibility to assist readiness planners within the emergency response community.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 commend the Georgia Fire Service for its recent planning efforts and do hereby proclaim our  
6 support for their endeavors in strategic planning and program implementation activities that  
7 will lead to improved local public safety and coordinated homeland security measures for all  
8 the citizens of our state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Fire Service.