

## House Resolution 1252

By: Representatives Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Lakly of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, and Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the courageous members of the Fayette County Department of Fire and  
4 Emergency Services tirelessly strive to protect each and every one of its citizens in times of  
5 distress; and

6 WHEREAS, the department is led by some of the finest chief officers in Georgia, including  
7 Chief Jack Krakeel, Director of Fire and Emergency Services, and Deputy Chiefs Thomas  
8 Bartlett and Allen McCullough; Captain Pete Nelms ably serves as the Emergency  
9 Management Coordinator; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services responded to  
11 over 6,100 emergency calls in 2005 and prides itself on having one of the fastest response  
12 times in the Atlanta area, averaging 5.22 minutes; and

13 WHEREAS, on January 2, 2006, the capabilities of this department were put to the test by  
14 a strong tornado that ravaged several areas in the county; and

15 WHEREAS, for each of the many calls the 911 center received on that dramatic day, and  
16 even for affected neighborhoods that went unreported to authorities, such as the River Oaks  
17 subdivision, the members of the department responded heroically and swiftly, aiding  
18 homeowners by providing medical attention, damage assessment, Red Cross assistance, and  
19 engineering services from the Town of Tyrone and by securing utilities and homes to prevent  
20 further damage; and

21 WHEREAS, the citizens of Fayette County are very fortunate to have such a professional,  
22 valiant, and dedicated emergency services department that is always prepared to go above  
23 and beyond the call of duty when a crisis strikes.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join in commending the Fayette County Department of Fire and  
3 Emergency Services for their heroic work and thank all of its members for their many  
4 contributions to the safety of Georgia's citizens.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fayette County  
7 Department of Fire and Emergency Services.