

Senate Resolution 743

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Chapman of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the Georgia Forestry Commission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission is recognized for outstanding leadership and
3 service in protecting Georgia's citizens and property from the devastation of wildfires in
4 2007; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the wildfires of 2007 were the worst in Georgia's history with more than 9,500
6 wildfires scorching 504,000 acres; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Bay Complex wildfire was the largest fire in southern United States
8 history, burning 564,000 acres in Georgia and Florida; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission provides leadership, service, and education
10 in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources; and
- 11 WHEREAS, they led more than 3,300 federal, state, county, and private firefighters in
12 containing the Georgia Bay Complex fire while suffering no critical injury to Georgia
13 citizens or firefighters; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission supported the Greater Okefenokee
15 Association of Landowners with coordination, cooperation, and provision of knowledge and
16 resources that helped make possible the successful containment of the wildfires; and
- 17 WHEREAS, they facilitated the cooperative efforts of local county fire and emergency
18 management agencies which were vital to the protection of Georgia citizens during this
19 disaster; and
- 20 WHEREAS, their expertise in application and use of the National Incident Management
21 System led to safety and efficiency in the response to this disaster.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in recognizing and honoring the work of the Georgia Forestry Commission in leading
3 the emergency effort to protect Georgia's people and property from wildfire with
4 professionalism, grit, and distinction.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Forestry Commission.