

House Resolution 1921

By: Representatives Hill of the 180th, Smith of the 168th, Day of the 163rd, Neal of the 1st, and Amerson of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Morris Peeples, Fire Chief for Kingsland Fire Department; and
- 2 for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Morris Peeples is an icon in Camden County, Georgia, where he has
- 4 honorably served the people of the county with distinction for more than 50 years as a
- 5 firefighter; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Chief Peeples became a junior firefighter at the young age of 15 and has been
- 7 bravely risking his own life to save the lives and property of others ever since; and

- 8 WHEREAS, when Chief Peeples first dedicated his life to fire fighting, the Kingsland Fire
- 9 Department was the old one-room schoolhouse, and the fire truck was homemade from a '53
- 10 Chevy with a pump from an old trailer; and

- 11 WHEREAS, Chief Peeples worked hard to make Kingsland Fire Department one of the most
- 12 advanced and well-trained departments in Georgia, and the department grew under his
- 13 leadership and direction as he became Camden County's Volunteer Fire Chief in 1961, the
- 14 department's first EMT, and, in 1985, he became the first and only paid fire chief Camden
- 15 County has ever known; and

- 16 WHEREAS, he is also recognized for his tremendous love of teaching fire safety and attends
- 17 schools regularly to help spread the message of fire safety to young children; and

- 18 WHEREAS, he has served above and beyond the call of duty, often with great risk and
- 19 personal sacrifice to himself and his family; and

- 20 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife and loving father to their two sons; and

1 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, he has fought thousands of fires, seen many tragedies,
2 and saved many lives, always pushing those who serve to be better firefighters for their
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Morris Peeples has positively impacted the Kingsland Fire
5 Department and the citizens of his community, thereby contributing to the safety and
6 emotional well-being of our state, and it is only fitting and proper that his heroic services be
7 recognized.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body join in honoring Fire Chief Morris Peeples for his service to
10 Georgia and commend him for his personal sacrifice, commitment, and untiring dedication
11 to the citizens of this state.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Fire Chief Morris Peeples.