

Senate Resolution 125

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services made history in November, 2008,
4 by becoming the first department to win world titles in all three relay divisions of the Scott
5 Firefighter Combat Challenge in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, this amazing and remarkable accomplishment marks the first time in the 17 year
7 history of the competition that the same team has dominated all three divisions which include
8 a men's relay, a woman's relay, and a men over 40 relay; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2008 men's relay team consists of Lawrence Adams, James Barbee, Antonio
10 Johnson, Michael Ballisty, and Daniel Hardegree, and they defeated 64 teams from across
11 the world including three representing branches of the military; and

12 WHEREAS, the dedicated and powerful 2008 women's relay team is comprised of Ann Hall,
13 Rachel Dornbusch, Aurora Mayfield, Martine Rose, and Kassi Thoreson; and

14 WHEREAS, for a third consecutive year, the men over 40 relay team brought great pride to
15 the State of Georgia with their title as 2008 world champions and included Jeff Hood, Jerry
16 Russell, Jay Fordham, Ernest Donaldson, and David Odum; and

17 WHEREAS, Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services provides emergency services to
18 the citizens of Clayton County through 14 fire stations and includes over 350 fire fighters,
19 emergency medical technicians, and civilian personnel; and

20 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of these teams is a clear indication of the
21 outstanding athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit
22 of each team member; and

23 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team's determination, focus, and commitment over months
24 of training and their dedication to physical fitness bring great pride to Clayton County Fire
25 Chief Alex S. Cohilas and the entire state it is only fitting that such accomplishment be
26 recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate the Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services teams for winning the 2008
29 Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge and commend their hard work and drive that earned
30 them the title of world champions.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Clayton County Fire Chief, Alex S.
33 Cohilas and to each team member of the Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services
34 teams.