

Senate Resolution 317

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Emanuel County Forestry Unit on being named the
2 Georgia Forestry Commission 2010 Southern Unit of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) is "to provide
4 leadership, service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest
5 resources"; and

6 WHEREAS, one forestry unit is selected each year as the Georgia Forestry Commission's
7 Southern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishments that are weighed
8 and voted upon by the Georgia Forestry Commission's Leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, the Emanuel County Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include
10 involvement in multiple community programs regarding the history and importance of
11 turpentine production, volunteering with the turpentine still at Georgia's Agrirama,
12 completing over 370 acres of prescribed burning assistance, plowing 387 miles of firebreaks,
13 providing forest management advice on nearly 16,000 acres, leading multiple district training
14 programs, being instrumental in bringing the Region 4 and Statewide Future Farmers of
15 America competition to Emanuel County, and in organizing the local Pine Tree Festival
16 which is a thriving regional event that draws recognition to forestry and its economic
17 importance in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition, the Forestry Unit maintained outstanding wildfire protection of
19 Emanuel County's over 306,000 forested acres during a wildfire season that resulted in the
20 damage or loss in Georgia of over \$5.2 million worth of personal property and threatened an
21 additional \$249 million worth of personal property; and

22 WHEREAS, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Emanuel County Forestry Unit
23 in the year 2010, the Unit was selected as the GFC's Southern Unit of the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, the unit consists of dedicated GFC professional Rangers Doug Claxton, Josh
25 Claxton, Carson Jones, and Mike Jones and Forester Aaron Burton serving under the
26 leadership of Chief Ranger Doug Chassereau; and

27 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Emanuel Forestry Unit are a clear indication of the
28 dedication and team work present at the unit, and the strong desire of the unit to serve the
29 local citizens of Emanuel County; and

30 WHEREAS, the Emanuel Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of Emanuel County,
31 the Statesboro District, the GFC, and the entire State of Georgia.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Emanuel County Forestry Unit for being named the 2010 Southern Unit of the
34 Year.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Ranger Doug Chassereau.