

House Resolution 474

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Parrish of the 156th, Jackson of the 142nd, and Morris of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Emanuel County Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry
2 Commission 2010 Southern Unit of the Year and inviting them to be recognized by the
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, each year one forestry unit is selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's
7 Southern Unit of the Year based on 64 measures of accomplishments that include customer
8 satisfaction, public outreach, number of miles plowed and harrowed, training hours logged,
9 facility appearance, seedlings sold, and landowner forest management plans completed; and

10 WHEREAS, the Emanuel County Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include
11 involvement in multiple community programs regarding the history and importance of
12 turpentine production, volunteering with the turpentine still at Georgia's Agrirama,
13 completing over 370 acres of prescribed burning assistance, plowing 387 miles of firebreaks,
14 providing forest management advice on 15,563 acres, leading multiple district training
15 programs, being instrumental in bringing the Region 4 and Statewide Future Farmers of
16 America competition to Emanuel County, and organizing the local Pine Tree Festival, a
17 thriving regional event that draws recognition to forestry and its economic importance in
18 Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the forestry unit maintained outstanding wildfire protection of Emanuel
20 County's 306,529 forested acres during a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or loss
21 in Georgia of over \$5.2 million worth of personal property and threatened an additional \$249
22 million worth of personal property; and

23 WHEREAS, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Emanuel County Forestry Unit
24 in 2010, the unit was selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's Southern Unit of the
25 Year; and

26 WHEREAS, the recognized forestry unit consists of the following dedicated Georgia
27 Forestry Commission Professionals Ranger 1's: Doug Claxton, Josh Claxton, Carson Jones,
28 Mike Jones, and Forester Aaron Burton serving under the leadership of Chief Ranger Doug
29 Chassereau; and

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

33 WHEREAS, the Emanuel County Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of Emanuel
34 County, the Statesboro District, the Georgia Forestry Commission, and the entire State of
35 Georgia.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend the Emanuel County Forestry Unit for being named the
38 Georgia Forestry Commission 2010 Southern Unit of the Year.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dedicated Professionals of the Emanuel County
40 Forestry Unit are invited to be recognized by the House of Representatives on a date and at
41 a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Chief Ranger Doug Chassereau.