

## House Resolution 475

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup> and Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Americus District on being named the Georgia Forestry  
2 Commission 2010 District of the Year and inviting the dedicated professionals of the district  
3 to appear before the 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, one forestry district is selected each year as the Georgia Forestry Commission's  
7 District 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 Americus District's most notable achievements include doubling its best  
11 management practices assessment examinations, notably increasing its number of harrowing  
12 cases and miles completed, increasing the forest stewardship plans completed for  
13 landowners, and recording zero lost-time safety incidents; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments, the Americus District  
15 maintained outstanding wildfire protection of the district's 2,515,367 forested acres during  
16 a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or loss in Georgia of over \$5.2 million worth  
17 of personal property and threatened an additional \$249 million worth of personal property;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Americus District in the year  
20 2010, the district was selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's District of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, the district consists of dedicated Georgia Forestry Commission professionals  
22 Brandon Young Aibritton, Loran F. Anderson, Jr., George "Bubba" Barbee, Bennie Blanton,  
23 Donald Justin Brown, Michael Wayne Bryan, James D. Cannon, Jerry W. Dailey, Jr., Jessie

24 W. Daniels, Charlie Devorce, Christopher Dunn, Joseph A. Fincher, Curtis L. Journey, Willie  
25 Herbert Lindsey, Jared Mark Lynch, Roger Pollock, Gerard Powell, Frank Douglas Redding,  
26 Leroy Reynolds, Mark Rodgers, William "Billy" Short, Mark B. Shutters, Anthony Bryan  
27 Spillers, Edward D. Wiley, Tommy Young, Michael Lee Dean, Rosemary Jarrett, Tami  
28 Parker, Teresa J. Kregl-Barber, Lisa Kannen Duncan, Lance Michael Boyer, Keith Eugene  
29 Sanders, Marty Fore, Tom Lambert, Robert T. Lumpkin, David Streetman, John Pollard, Lee  
30 Wright, Alfred Lucas, and Brent McCarty, serving under the leadership of District Manager  
31 Chad Pritchett and Assistant District Manager James Conner; and

32 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Americus District are a clear indication of the hard  
33 work, dedication, and team work present in the district as well as the ability of the district to  
34 put each individual's talents to work for the larger team; and

35 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Americus District bring great pride upon the  
36 professionals within the district, the citizens of the district, the Georgia Forestry  
37 Commission, and the State of Georgia.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend the Americus District for being named the 2010 District  
40 of the Year.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dedicated professionals of the Americus District are  
42 invited to appear before the House of Representatives on a date and at a time designated by  
43 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to District Manager Chad  
46 Pritchett.