

House Resolution 1273

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th, Hanner of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, Horne of the 71st, Powell of the 29th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Emergency Management Agency of Georgia and recognizing February 8,
2 2012, as Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) Recognition Day at the capitol;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through a coordinated, state-wide network, emergency management services
5 professionals of Georgia respond quickly, providing lifesaving services during the most
6 hazardous conditions facing Georgians; and

7 WHEREAS, both the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and local
8 emergency management agencies are ready to provide outstanding emergency assistance 24
9 hours a day, seven days a week for those residents of Georgia most in need; and

10 WHEREAS, these thousands of professionals perform their lifesaving duties through a
11 complex coordinated network of emergency management responders, first responders, law
12 enforcement officials, and government agencies to provide one of the greatest, most
13 comprehensive, quality emergency response efforts in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, the goal of each and every one of these individuals and services is to be ready
15 to respond regardless of the nature of the emergency event, whether it be a tornado,
16 hurricane, forest fire, or terrorist attack; and

17 WHEREAS, response readiness is achieved through a variety of critical actions, including
18 state-wide and local preparedness training, weather watches and alerts, operational
19 emergency drills, efficient and effective delivery plans, predetermined emergency plans for
20 transportation of injured and potential victims, emergency system development activities,
21 public information and education, improvement of response methods, and other activities
22 related to the health and well-being of the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that GEMA and local emergency management agencies
24 be recognized for their outstanding and courageous service to the people of this state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend each director, coordinator, manager, and staff member
27 of an emergency management agency in Georgia for his or her outstanding service to the
28 people of this state, and recognize February 8, 2012, as Georgia Emergency Management
29 Agency Recognition Day at the capitol in honor of these lifesaving professionals.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Emergency
32 Management Agency Director, Charley English, and the Georgia Emergency Management
33 Association President, Jonathan Daniell.