

## House Resolution 1525

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Horne of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup>,  
Cooke of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Chattahoochee District on being named the Georgia  
2 Forestry Commission 2011 District 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 District is selected as Georgia Forestry Commission's  
7 District of the Year based on 50 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 Chattahoochee District improved job performance in 33 of 50 measurable  
11 goals, and their most notable achievements were the near-doubling of acreage in silvicultural  
12 burning assists and the number of forest stewardship plans written for landowners; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments the Chattahoochee District  
14 maintained outstanding wildfire protection of the District's 2,627,427 forested acres during  
15 a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or loss in Georgia of over \$19.8 million worth  
16 of personal property and threatened an additional \$461.3 million worth of personal property;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Chattahoochee District in  
19 2011, the District was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission's District of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, the District consists of dedicated GFC professionals: Rangers Jason Donaldson,  
21 Seth Holland, Andrew Lovvorn, Gerald Robinson, Jeff Mansour, George Barbee, Michael  
22 Bryan, Chris Dunn, Michael Dean, Ray Brundage, Chad Dorminey, Paul Phillips, Eddie  
23 Freeman, Billy Lee, Jared Penny, Jeff Sanders, Ken Parker, Geoffrey Dean, Ben Godowns,

24 John Stone, Chris Babb, Allen Benson, Robert Hargrove, Grady Coleman, Jody Price, and  
25 Greg Waters; Chief Rangers Jeff Davis, Terry Quigley, Amy Weaver, Jeff Kenerly, Gary  
26 Degler, Jenny Lynn Bruner, and Michael Sapp; Foresters Aaron Souto, Seth Weatherford,  
27 Lee Milby, and Keith Sanders; and District staff Grace Reid, Willie Boston, and Jeff Sibley;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Chattahoochee District are a clear indication of the  
30 hard work, dedication, and teamwork present in the District, the ability of District personnel  
31 to meet increased demand for services by working together with fewer resources and  
32 continually showing loyalty to customers and communities; and

33 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Chattahoochee District bring great pride upon the  
34 professionals within the District, the citizens of the District, the Georgia Forestry  
35 Commission, and the State of Georgia.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend the Chattahoochee District for being named the 2011  
38 District of the Year and invite the dedicated professionals of the Chattahoochee District to  
39 be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker  
40 of the House of Representatives.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to District Manager Jeff  
43 Sibley.