

House Resolution 1527

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Horne of the 71st, Ramsey of the 72nd, Bruce of the 64th, Long of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Coweta-Fayette-South Fulton County Forestry Unit,
 2 known as "Coweta Forestry Unit" on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2011
 3 Northern Unit of the Year and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives;
 4 and for other purposes.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the Coweta Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include increasing the
 11 amount of landowner assistance provided to the growing urban population spreading over
 12 three counties with limited personnel resources, resulting in: 437 acres of agriculture
 13 prescribed burning assists, 3,787 acres of silvicultural burning assists, 250 miles of
 14 firebreaks, coordinating the distribution of over 600,000 seedlings to Chattahoochee District
 15 and Coosa District, conducting 37 community programs which reached almost 17,000
 16 people, leading the Coweta County Lumberjack event at the County Fair, participating in
 17 Buckarama and Prescribed Burn Awareness Week at the State Capitol, achieving
 18 certification for two new Tree Cities (Chattahoochee Hills and Fayetteville), recertifying five
 19 Tree Cities, assisting on multiple incidents throughout the record-breaking 2011 fire season
 20 and the April 2011 tornadoes, providing leadership to the District through service on the
 21 District Training Team and Inspection Team, and steadfastly maintaining the grounds at the
 22 Chattahoochee District Office; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments, the Coweta Forestry Unit
 24 maintained outstanding wildfire protection of 327,074 forested acres in three counties during
 25 a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or loss in Georgia of over \$19.8 million worth

26 of personal property and threatened an additional \$461.3 million worth of personal property;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Coweta Forestry Unit in the
29 year 2011, the unit was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission's Northern Unit of the
30 Year; and

31 WHEREAS, the recognized Forestry Unit consists of dedicated GFC Professional First
32 Ranger Jeff Mansour serving under the leadership of Chief Ranger Terry Quigley; and

33 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Coweta Forestry Unit are a clear indication of the
34 dedication and teamwork of the individuals at the unit, their ability to work together with
35 limited personnel resources and surpass the goals of the work group, the pride they possess
36 in their job, and their complete devotion to Georgia's citizens and their fellow GFC
37 professionals; and

38 WHEREAS, the Coweta Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of Coweta, Fayette,
39 and South Fulton counties, the Chattahoochee District, the Georgia Forestry Commission,
40 and the State of Georgia.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend the Coweta Forestry Unit for being named the 2011
43 Northern Unit of the Year and invite the dedicated professionals of the Coweta Forestry Unit
44 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
45 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Ranger Terry
48 Quigley.