

Senate Resolution 1008

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Chance of the 16th and Crane of the 28th

#### 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 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 Georgia Forestry Commission's  
7 Northern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishments that are weighed  
8 and voted upon by the Georgia Forestry Commission's leadership; and

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

22 WHEREAS, in addition, the Coweta Forestry Unit maintained outstanding wildfire  
23 protection of 327,074 forested acres in three counties during a wildfire season that resulted  
24 in the damage or loss in Georgia of over \$19.8 million worth of personal property and  
25 threatened an additional \$461.3 million worth of personal property; and

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

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

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

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 commend the Coweta Forestry Unit for being named the 2011 Northern Unit of the Year.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Ranger Terry Quigley.