

## Senate Resolution 200

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Cowser of the 46th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Oconee District on being named the State Forestry  
2 Commission 2012 District of the Year; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, each year, one forestry district is selected as the State Forestry Commission's  
6 District of the Year based on 50 measures of accomplishments that include customer  
7 satisfaction, public outreach, number of miles plowed and harrowed, training hours logged,  
8 facility appearance, seedlings sold, and landowner forest management plans completed; and

9 WHEREAS, the Oconee District improved job performance in 31 of 50 measurable goals,  
10 and their most notable achievements were the 16 percent increase in the number of  
11 silvicultural burning assists provided to landowners and the doubling of the number of forest  
12 management cases completed for landowners; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition, the Oconee District maintained outstanding wildfire protection of  
14 the district's 3,725,853 forested acres during a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or  
15 loss in Georgia of over \$8.2 million worth of personal property and threatened an additional  
16 \$2.2 billion worth of personal property; and

17 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Oconee District in 2012, the  
18 district was selected as the State Forestry Commission's District of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, the district consists of dedicated GFC professionals Rangers Daniel Gore, Troy  
20 Helms, Jr., Richard Gaiser, Bobby Jones, Myron Williams, Kenneth Ellison, Brett Jenson,  
21 Josh Guy, Brendon Holdeman, Andrew Rooks, Phillip Davis, Alvin Layton, David Mayo,  
22 William Merritt, Jr., James Brake, Jr., Mike Maddox, James Mashburn II, James Bledsoe,  
23 Chris Buchanan, Tommy Williams, Sammy Mills, Abron Blackburn, Rob Moore, Dameon

24 Wilkinson, Blake Ansley, John Crawford, Adam Weatherford, Bill Lee, Richard Williams,  
25 Marvin Durden, Robert Stephens, Timothy Beal, and Jesse Boles; Supplemental Firefighters  
26 Kurt Bleemel, James Peebles, Keith Wooster, James Eubanks, Rachel Saunders, Michael  
27 Gilbert, and Michael Holloway; Chief Rangers Jason Butts, George Glenn, Larry Felix,  
28 Shane Barrow, Tracy Graham, Jimmy Kennedy, Russell Fowler, Doug Josey, Beth Richards,  
29 Brandon Davis, Tom Wooten, Greg Coley, and Lynwood Garbutt; Foresters Chris Barnes,  
30 Dane Bass, Cathy Black, and Keith Murphy; and district staff Amy Treadwell, Hal Sharpe,  
31 David Epps, and Troy Clymer; and

32 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Oconee District are a clear indication of the hard  
33 work, dedication, and teamwork present in the district, the ability of district personnel to  
34 meet increased demand for services by working together with fewer resources, and continued  
35 loyalty to customers and communities; and

36 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Oconee District bring great pride upon the  
37 professionals within the district, the citizens of the district, the State 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 Oconee District for being named the 2012 District 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 District Manager Troy Clymer.