

House Resolution 468

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Epps of the 132nd, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Coweta-Fayette-South Fulton County Forestry Unit on
2 being named the State Forestry Commission 2012 Northern Unit of the Year and inviting
3 them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the State 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 the State Forestry Commission's
7 Northern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishments that are weighed
8 and voted upon by the State Forestry Commission's leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, the Coweta Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include providing
10 assistance for a total of 30 silviculture burns totaling 3,823 acres, which was an increase of
11 34 percent over their five-year average; plowing 735 miles of firebreaks; issuing 18,396 burn
12 permits for a period of seven months and 7,167 online burn permits; assisting with 112
13 agricultural burns; distributing 393,901 seedlings as the seedling distribution center for the
14 district; conducting 26 educational programs that reached 8,251 people; participating in the
15 Buckarama event and Agricultural Day celebration in Atlanta; assisting with the 4-H land
16 judging team and envirothon team; reaching 320,900 people through the Firewise program;
17 conducting 612 hours of training; and assisting foresters with 74 cases using the expertise of
18 Ranger/Forester Technician Jeff Mansour; and

19 WHEREAS, the forestry unit also maintained outstanding wildfire protection of 327,074
20 forested acres in three counties with a total of 33 wildfires, which burned 190 acres for an
21 average fire size of 5.75 acres; and

22 WHEREAS due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Coweta Forestry Unit in the
23 year 2012, the unit was selected as the State Forestry Commission's Northern Unit of the
24 Year; and

25 WHEREAS, the recognized forestry unit consists of dedicated GFC Professional Ranger
26 1/Forester Technician Jeff Mansour, Ranger 1 Jeremy Delk, and Ranger 1 Steve Helton
27 serving under the leadership of Chief Ranger Terry Quigley; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the Coweta Forestry Unit for being named the 2012
34 Northern Unit of the Year, wish them great success in the future, and invite the dedicated
35 professionals of the Coweta Forestry Unit to appear before the House of Representatives on
36 a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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