

House Resolution 533

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Williams of the 119th, Nimmer of the 178th, Epps of the 144th, Fleming of the 121st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Oconee District on being named the State Forestry
2 Commission 2012 District of the Year and inviting them to appear before the House of
3 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 district is selected as the State 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 Oconee District improved job performance in 31 of 50 measurable goals,
11 and their most notable achievements were the 16 percent increase in the number of
12 silvicultural burning assists provided to landowners and the doubling of the number of forest
13 management cases completed for landowners; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition, the Oconee District maintained outstanding wildfire protection of
15 the district's 3,725,853 forested acres during a wildfire season that resulted in the damage or
16 loss in Georgia of over \$8.2 million worth of personal property and threatened an additional
17 \$2.2 billion worth of personal property; and

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

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

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

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

37 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Oconee District bring great pride upon the
38 professionals within the district, the citizens of the district, the State Forestry Commission,
39 and the State of Georgia.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend the Oconee District for being named the 2012 District
42 of the Year and invite the dedicated professionals of the Oconee District to appear before the
43 House of Representatives on a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to District Manager Troy
46 Clymer.