

House Resolution 1168

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Waites of the 60th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Samuel Larry for his contributions to his community; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Samuel Larry has had a tremendous impact in the community through
3 customized back-to-school events and student outreach programs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, since 1982 to the present, Samuel Larry has had a distinguished career as a
5 federal employee; he has had an exemplary period of firefighting activity with the USDA
6 Forest Service and the National Park Service in such capacities as a pre-sale forester,
7 management assistant, deputy center director, district ranger, assistant director, and COOP
8 fire manager and currently acts as the fire management officer for the Southeast Region of
9 the National Park Service, and he has also served on several large fire cost analysis teams in
10 Colorado and California specializing in WFSA planning and implementation; and
- 11 WHEREAS, while serving as the assistant director of fire operations in Southern California,
12 Mr. Larry commanded resources for eight national forests, which responded to 14 large fires
13 over a two-year period; and
- 14 WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments was the Training and Development
15 Workforce Diversity he authored and implemented in March, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia, for
16 undergraduate students enrolled at 1890 Land Grant institutions; the first graduating class of
17 this program was 2006; and
- 18 WHEREAS, during the past three years, he has served as an ambassador to local
19 communities in Clayton and DeKalb Counties, providing educational materials and school
20 supplies, such as pencils, pens, erasers, coloring books, games, pocket calendars, rulers,
21 leaflets, and brochures, to suburban students from elementary school to college regarding
22 wildlife fires, firefighters, and prevention and safety measures; and

23 WHEREAS, his services were instrumental in the success of Clayton and DeKalb Counties
24 back-to-school supplies drives; his efforts also exposed students to the National Park Service
25 and USDA Forest Service and the various resources and opportunities offered, thereby
26 opening their minds to endless possibilities regarding future educational studies and careers;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, he also partnered and collaborated with rural fire stations and State Forestry
29 located throughout the State of Georgia, ensuring adequate training, support, and resources
30 were available when needed.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Samuel Larry for his indelible service to his community
33 and recognize him as a pillar of the Oak Woods Trail Subdivision.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Samuel Larry.