

Senate Resolution 1076

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Golden of the 8th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Satilla District for being named the Georgia Forestry
2 Commission 2013 District of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia 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 Georgia 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 Satilla District reduced the average wildfire size by 20 percent, increased
10 pre-suppression firebreak plowing by 33 percent, increased assistance to landowners
11 performing prescribed burns by 143 percent, sold and delivered to landowners 3,459,450
12 seedlings, worked with private landowners on 34 percent more forest management cases, and
13 exceeded the statewide average in forestry related educational programs; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments, the Satilla District maintained
15 outstanding wildfire protection of the district's 3,856,860 forested acres, responding to 505
16 wildfires that burned 2,157 acres for an average fire size of 4.27 acres; and

17 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Satilla District in the year
18 2013, the district was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission District of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, the recognized district is comprised of Rangers Timothy Crosby, Danny Rowe,
20 Ronnie Taylor, Joshua Yawn, Darwin Corbitt, Derek Harper, Kevin Pittman, Trey Spivey
21 III, Clayton Davis, Michael Nix, Randy Spell, Christopher C. Carter, Christopher J. Carter,
22 Mitchell Daniels, Logan Edgy, Donald James, David Westberry, Frank Allen III, James
23 Armstrong, Jason Harris, Matt Laricos, Marvin Miller, Timothy Redick, Chad Hester, Ethan

24 Powell, William Rodgers, Woody Woods, Kenny Cox, Staten Levings III, Tad Littleton,
25 Zach Mullis, Buster Croft, Blakely Littleton, Jonathan Livingston, Chris Rigg, James Sikes,
26 Darren Vaughn, Kenneth Wells Jr., Berry Bohannon, David Rewis, Dale Arnold, Hilton
27 Bennett, Eric Smith, Tony Thomas, James Anderson, Jonathan Herrin, Teresa Moore, and
28 Dustin Ogden; Supplemental Firefighters William Greene, Benjamin Amiot, Mike Foreman,
29 Steve Miller, Timmy Lee, Darin Russ, Billy Young, Jamie Braddy, and Ethan Boatright;
30 County Clerks/Tower Operators Heather Musgrove, Nikki Scott, Pam Lusher and Jennifer
31 Evans; Chief Rangers James Rewis, James Smith, Blair Joiner, Barry Rowell, Wes Merkison,
32 Stephen Spradley, Jason Squires, Duke Campbell, Thomas Whitley, and Derrick Duncan;
33 Foresters William Harvey and Ethan Robertson; and District Staff Jessica Lee, Bo Chesser,
34 Buck Kline, and Jason Gillis; and

35 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Satilla District are a clear indication of the hard
36 work, dedication, and team work present in the district, the ability of district personnel to
37 meet increased demand for services by working together with fewer resources, and the
38 district's commitment to continually showing loyalty to customers and communities; and

39 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Satilla District bring great pride upon the
40 professionals within the district, the citizens of the district, the Georgia Forestry
41 Commission, and the State of Georgia.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 commend and recognize the Satilla District for being named the Georgia Forestry
44 Commission 2013 District of the Year.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to District Manager Jason Gillis.