

Senate Resolution 1078

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit for being named the
2 Georgia Forestry Commission 2013 Southern Unit 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 unit is selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's
6 Southern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishment that are weighed
7 and voted upon by the Georgia Forestry Commission's leadership; and

8 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include:
9 assisting on 5,375 acres of prescribed burning, plowing 295 hours of firebreaks with 100
10 percent BMP implementation, delivering educational programs in the community, including
11 the Pine Mountain Field Day and the Nature Conservancy's Chattahoochee Fall Line
12 Conservation Partnership workshop, installing nine communications grounding mats and
13 upgrading each site in the Flint District, operating the Chattahoochee Fire Tower, building
14 45 ATV aluminum tanks, providing assistance with the Flint office renovations, and having
15 each employee qualified as an Engine Boss, Heavy Equipment Boss, and ICT 4; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to these countless accomplishments, the forestry unit maintained
17 outstanding wildfire protection of Chattahoochee and Marion counties' 222,978 forested
18 acres, responding to 29 wildfires that burned a total of 187 acres for an average fire size of
19 6.45 acres; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry
21 Unit in the year 2013, the unit was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission Southern Unit
22 of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, the recognized forestry unit is comprised of Ranger Justin Brown,
24 Ranger/Forester Technician Chris Dunn, Ranger Gerard Powell, Tower Operator Debra
25 Barricks, Tower Operator Katherine Elliott, Supplemental Firefighter 3 David Forsyth, and
26 Chief Ranger/Forest Technician RT Lumpkin; and

27 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit are a clear
28 indication of the dedication and team work present at the unit, the ability of the unit to
29 establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with local partners, and the
30 consistently high level of forestry services provided by the unit over the course of many
31 years; and

32 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of
33 Chattahoochee and Marion counties, the Flint District, the Georgia Forestry Commission,
34 and the entire State of Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend and recognize the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit for being named the
37 Georgia Forestry Commission 2013 Southern Unit of the Year.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Ranger/Forest Technician RT
40 Lumpkin.