

## House Resolution 289

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Flint District on being named the Georgia Forestry  
2 Commission 2014 District of the Year and inviting them to be recognized by the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia 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 Georgia Forestry  
7 Commission's District of the Year based on measures of accomplishments that include  
8 customer satisfaction, public outreach, number of miles of firebreaks plowed and harrowed,  
9 acres of prescribed burning accomplished, training hours logged, equipment and facility  
10 appearance, seedlings sold, and landowner forest management plans completed; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Flint District completed 5,948 agricultural water meter readings; led the  
12 state in firebreak plowing, firebreak harrowing, prescribed burning acres, and Firefighter  
13 Property Program acquisitions for Rural Fire Departments and Georgia Forestry Commission  
14 use; sold and delivered to landowners 1,872,146 tree seedlings; and invested significantly in  
15 employee training and the Career Development Increments Program; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments the Flint District maintained  
17 outstanding wildfire protection of the District's 4,772,519 forested acres responding to 549  
18 wildfires that burned 2,611 acres for an average fire size of 4.75 acres; and
- 19 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Flint District in the year 2014,  
20 the District was selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's District of the Year; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the recognized District consists of dedicated GFC Professionals - Rangers  
22 Harold Jackson, Kennon Palmer, William Singleton, Charles Watson, Donald Anderson,  
23 Jacob Hughes, Rickey Latham, Harvey Taylor, Edward Thomas, Justin Brown, Christopher

24 Dunn, David Forsyth, Gerard Powell, Donald Bennett, Christopher Brinson, Ronald Bryant,  
25 Jeremy Davis, Jessie Hurst, Lee Weaver, David Wiggins, James Sirmans, Paul King, James  
26 O'Dell, Donald Thomas, Stephen Guined, Will Perry, Roger Pollock, John Barwick, Bryan  
27 Cottles, Royce Davis, Hewlett Powell, Van Smith, Clay Ferguson, Herbert Lindsey, Erica  
28 Pfleiderer, Donald Bishop, Mark Bryant, Walter Butler, Hunter Hinson, Blair Kirksey, Todd  
29 Milam, Hayden Holt, James McNease, Brantley Smith, William Walker, Clifton LeGrone,  
30 Doug Redding, Brock Walker, Alan White, Loran Anderson, Joe Fincher, Willie Jackson,  
31 Frederick Robinson, Dean Wiley, Jerry Dailey, Christopher Shannon, Mark Shutters, James  
32 Cannon, Derrick Milsap, Jonathan Moore, William Short, Ralph Fletcher, Timothy Ingram,  
33 Don Tawzer, Bruce Free, Tyler Harden, and James Reynolds; County Clerks/Tower  
34 Operators Katherine Elliott and Debra Barricks; Chief Rangers Lee Wright, Robert Lumpkin,  
35 Chris Cross, Levy Rentz, Brent McCarty, Tom Lambert, Marty Fore, Brad Gregory, Lester  
36 Green, Bryan Spillers, John Pollard, Grady Jarvis, Theo Craddock, Rodney Heard, Daniel  
37 Kelley, Albert Potts, Jason Rex, and Nicholas Tresco; Foresters Adrian Campbell, Lisa  
38 Duncan, Raymond Norvell, Rankin Smith, and David Todd; and District Staff Lila Johnson,  
39 Teresa Kregl, Darren Martin, Chad Pritchett, Greg Findley, and Trent Ingram; and

40 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Flint District are a clear indication of the hard work,  
41 dedication and team work present in the District, the ability of District personnel to meet  
42 increased demand for services by working together with fewer resources, and continually  
43 showing loyalty to customers and communities; and

44 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Flint District bring great pride upon the  
45 Professionals within the District, the citizens of the District, the Georgia Forestry  
46 Commission, and the State of Georgia.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
48 the members of this body commend the Flint District for being named the 2014 District of  
49 the Year and invite the dedicated professionals of the Flint District to be recognized by the  
50 House of Representatives on a date and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
51 Representatives.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
53 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to District  
54 Manager Trent Ingram.