

Senate Resolution 873

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Chief David Eddins and congratulating him upon being honored with the 2015  
2 Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs Chief of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Eddins has worked his way up from rookie through the rank of Deputy  
4 Chief with the Albany Fire Department to his current position as Fire Chief of the City of  
5 Waycross, representing 28 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, he has degrees in fire science and political science, is a graduate of the EFO  
7 program through the National Fire Academy, and currently serves as President of the South  
8 Central Fire Chiefs Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Eddins best demonstrated his leadership, professionalism, and fortitude  
10 when his department suffered a line of duty death of a career officer; Chief Eddins aptly  
11 stepped up to control the situation and later assisted his department in moving forward after  
12 their loss; and

13 WHEREAS, by honoring those who have served and by preparing those presently serving,  
14 Chief Eddins has positioned the department and readied the staff for years to come; and

15 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Julie, his wife of 30 years, and is blessed  
16 with two remarkable children, Tim and Clay, and one wonderful grandchild, Ella; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief David Eddins has selflessly served the community for many years, and  
18 it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished Georgian be appropriately  
19 recognized by this body.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend Chief David Eddins for his outstanding service to the community and congratulate

22 him upon being honored with the 2015 Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs Chief of the Year  
23 Award.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief David  
26 Eddins.