

Senate Resolution 898

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Ginn of the 47th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the South Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative upon being
2 honored with the 2015 National Pulaski Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Pulaski Award is presented by the National Interagency Fire Center in
4 recognition of outstanding performance in the areas of interagency collaboration,
5 cooperation, and coordination, taking into account the safety of wildland firefighters and the
6 public during a wildfire, group performance in wildland fire management activities, and the
7 development of partnerships and communication tools; and

8 WHEREAS, the South Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative is composed of a collection of
9 organizations and private landowners, including the Greater Okefenokee Association of
10 Landowners, Georgia Forestry Commission, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Florida
11 Forest Service, National Parks Service, Osceola National Forest, and several local
12 community fire departments; and

13 WHEREAS, the South Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative has earned the 2015 National
14 Pulaski Award for its collaborative work with private landowners and federal and state
15 agencies, which has resulted in exceptional partnerships in wildland fire management and
16 serves as a model to inspire and form similar relationships nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, through the hard work of their member organizations, agencies, and individuals,
18 the South Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative has brought this award to Georgia for the
19 third time in a decade, continuing the tradition started by the Greater Okefenokee Association
20 of Landowners and the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council, and brings great pride to Georgia
21 and Florida through its dedication and commitment to protecting our natural forest resources
22 from the threat of wildfire.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend the South Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative for its work and
25 congratulate it upon being honored with the 2015 National Pulaski Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the South
28 Georgia-North Florida Fire Initiative.