

House Resolution 225

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Spencer of the 180th, Shaw of the 176th, Nimmer of the 178th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Ware County Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia
2 Forestry Commission's 2016 South Georgia 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, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Ware County Forestry Unit in
6 the year 2016 in the areas of wildfire prevention and suppression in the Satilla District, the
7 Dixon Memorial State Forest, and the Okefenokee Swamp; prescribed burning; serving as
8 the district hub for reforestation efforts; dedication to employee training; and education and
9 outreach to the public, the Unit was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission's South
10 Georgia Unit of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, the recognized Forestry Unit consists of dedicated GFC Professionals Ranger
12 Dale Arnold, Ranger Hilton Bennett, Ranger Eric Smith, and Ranger Tony Thomas, serving
13 under the leadership of Chief Ranger Thomas Whitley; and

14 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Ware County Forestry Unit are a clear indication
15 of the dedication and teamwork present at the Unit, the ability of the Unit to establish and
16 maintain mutually beneficial relationships with state and local partners, and the consistently
17 high level of forestry services provided by the Unit over the course of many years despite
18 limited personnel resources; and

19 WHEREAS, the Ware County Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of Ware
20 County, the Satilla District, the Georgia Forestry Commission, and the entire State of
21 Georgia.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend the Ware County Forestry Unit on being
24 named the 2016 South Georgia Unit of the Year.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
27 Ranger Thomas Whitley.