

## House Resolution 409

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>, Sainz of the 180<sup>th</sup>, Washburn of the 141<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Smokey Bear on his 75th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Smokey Bear has been working to educate Georgia's children and adults about  
3 how they can help prevent wildfires with his "Only You" messages since 1944; and
- 4 WHEREAS, humans are the number one cause of Georgia's average 3,868 wildfires that burn  
5 26,489 acres each year; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Smokey Bear wildfire prevention campaign is the longest-running public  
7 service advertising campaign in U.S. history, educating generations of Americans about their  
8 role in preventing wildfires; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission works hand-in-hand with Smokey Bear in  
10 an ongoing effort to help Georgia's citizens learn to prevent wildfires in our state.
- 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body recognize and commend Smokey Bear and his partners at the  
13 Georgia Forestry Commission for 75 years of teaching the message of wildfire prevention.
- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Georgia Forestry Commission.