

House Resolution 433

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Rhodes of the 124th, and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Corporal Derrell Worth for his career as a game warden in service to the
2 citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Corporal Derrell Worth began his more than 30-year career as a public servant
4 with the Henry County Police Department and was moved to the Georgia Department of
5 Natural Resources and assigned as a game warden in Bryan and Liberty counties in 1998;
6 he has exhibited exceptional performance as a game warden, distinguishing himself among
7 his peers; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2000, he was promoted to game warden first class and then to corporal
9 in 2002; he served the citizens of Greene County and Lake Oconee from June 1, 1998, until
10 retirement; and

11 WHEREAS, Corporal Worth received the Governor's Commendation for Customer Service
12 in 2011 for his involvement in helping host Georgia's 1st Hunting for a Cure hunt, and he has
13 always been a strong believer in and driven by providing exceptional customer service; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to further his knowledge and to be more effective in his work, he
15 completed the Professional Management Program at Columbus State University; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a great supporter of education and of our hunting heritage who shares his
17 love for the outdoors with others, especially children, and also as a hunter education
18 instructor for various groups including students at the Lake Oconee Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been a valuable boating officer on Lake Oconee, enforcing boating laws
20 professionally and fairly, and has compassionately assisted numerous families, bringing them
21 closure after the loss of a loved one due to a drowning or boating incident; and

22 WHEREAS, Corporal Worth became a field training officer in 2015, and two of the three
23 game wardens he has since trained in the field have promoted to corporal; the third was
24 named State Game Warden of the Year; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout his successful career, he has been recognized with numerous
26 regional awards including Investigative Game Warden of the Year, Boating Officer of the
27 Year, and National Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, at the statewide level, Corporal Worth was named the National Wild Turkey
29 Federation Georgia Chapter Officer of the Year in 2007 and again in 2018 for his dedication
30 to the protection of Georgia's wild turkeys and his aggressive but fair pursuit of violators; and

31 WHEREAS, while on foot patrol, he was shot by a turkey hunter who mistook him for game
32 on April 1, 2017; and

33 WHEREAS, Corporal Worth was an original member of the division's Special Operations
34 Group and was always willing to do whatever was asked of him with a positive attitude,
35 including assisting other game wardens and local, state, and federal law enforcement
36 agencies when needed.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body hereby commend Corporal Derrell Worth for his outstanding career
39 as a game warden with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and wish him well in
40 his future endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Corporal Derrell Worth.