

House Resolution 374

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 22nd, McDonald III of the 26th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fire Chief Eddie Robinson, the 2024 Georgia Fire Chief of the Year; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs has chosen Fire Chief Eddie Robinson
4 as the 2024 Georgia Fire Chief of the Year in recognition of his exemplary leadership and
5 dedication to both the fire service and the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he received this distinguished honor during the 53rd Annual Firefighters
7 Recognition Day at the Georgia State Capitol, an event that celebrates excellence and
8 contributions within Georgia's fire service; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Robinson began his fire service career in 1979 as a volunteer in his
10 hometown of Rock Hill, South Carolina, before relocating to Georgia, where he continued
11 his service with the Hickory Flat Volunteer Fire Department; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his more than two decades with Cherokee County Fire &
13 Emergency Services, Chief Robinson has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to
14 excellence, serving as Safety Officer in 2001, Division Chief of Training in 2009, Assistant

15 Fire Chief in 2011, and ultimately Fire Chief in 2022 following the retirement of his mentor,
16 Fire Chief Tim Prather; and

17 WHEREAS, his distinguished leadership has significantly advanced Cherokee County Fire
18 & Emergency Services, fostering improvements in operational efficiency, training, and
19 community safety to better serve the citizens of Cherokee County; and

20 WHEREAS, beyond his professional contributions, Chief Robinson is a graduate of the
21 Leadership Cherokee program, serving as its Chair in 2008 and participating on its steering
22 committee, and he has led the Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services Explorer Post
23 469 to numerous accolades at the annual Winterfest competitions; and

24 WHEREAS, he has further been instrumental in organizing Cherokee County's annual Patriot
25 Day Ceremony, held each September in remembrance of September 11, 2001, ensuring that
26 the sacrifices of first responders and military personnel are honored; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be
28 appropriately recognized during this special time.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Fire Chief Eddie Robinson, the 2024 Georgia Fire Chief
31 of the Year, and express best wishes for future health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fire
34 Chief Eddie Robinson.