

## House Resolution 1018

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Ridley of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Rhodes of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Burchett of the 176<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Charlton County Chief Ranger Roger Todd of the Georgia  
2 Forestry Commission as the recipient of the 2025 Director's Award and for his outstanding  
3 service to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission plays a critical role in protecting Georgia's  
5 natural resources, ensuring public safety, and supporting the citizens and landowners of this  
6 state through wildfire prevention and suppression, emergency response, forest management,  
7 and community assistance; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Ranger Roger Todd has honorably served the Georgia Forestry  
9 Commission in Charlton County for nearly 25 years with unwavering professionalism,  
10 leadership, and commitment to the agency's mission, consistently demonstrating the highest  
11 standards of integrity, duty, and respect; and

12 WHEREAS, through his steady leadership and dedication, Chief Ranger Todd has built and  
13 guided a team of forestry professionals who exemplify preparedness, excellence in service,  
14 and devotion to public safety; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 10, 2025, tragedy struck Charlton County when a single-engine aircraft  
16 carrying six passengers—including two young children—overturned upon landing at Davis  
17 Airport and immediately became engulfed in flames; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Ranger Todd and personnel from the Charlton County Unit heard the  
19 crash and responded without hesitation, placing themselves in harm's way to protect the lives  
20 of others; and

21 WHEREAS, under Chief Ranger Todd's direction, the responding personnel worked swiftly,  
22 decisively, and courageously to suppress the fire and rescue the trapped passengers—actions  
23 that prevented loss of life and ensured that all six occupants survived the crash; and

24 WHEREAS, the safe outcome of this tragic accident is credited in large measure to the  
25 training, readiness, judgment, and leadership fostered by Chief Ranger Todd; and

26 WHEREAS, his day-to-day commitment to his rangers, to the citizens of Charlton County,  
27 and to the people of Georgia reflects great credit upon himself and the Georgia Forestry  
28 Commission; and

29 WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary service, leadership excellence, and lifesaving  
30 actions, Chief Ranger Roger Todd was selected as the 2025 Director's Award recipient, one  
31 of the highest honors bestowed by the Georgia Forestry Commission; and

32 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to recognize individuals who selflessly devote  
33 their careers to protecting lives, communities, and natural resources.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Chief Ranger Roger Todd for his  
36 outstanding service, exemplary leadership, and heroism; congratulate him upon being named  
37 the Georgia Forestry Commission 2025 Director's Award recipient; and extend to him their  
38 sincere gratitude and best wishes for continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief  
41 Ranger Roger Todd.