

Senate Resolution 670

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Dixon of the 45th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Cornelius "Tobey" McDowell upon being named the 2025 Georgia Logger
2 of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's logging community sits at the heart of what makes Georgia the
4 number one Forestry State in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, across the state, more than 1,200 logging businesses support roughly 5,400 jobs,
6 and loggers are a critical link in the forestry supply chain that connects landowners to mills,
7 manufacturers, and the products Georgians use every day; and

8 WHEREAS, Cornelius "Tobey" McDowell, owner of C. McDowell Logging in Jackson,
9 Georgia, was selected as the 2025 Georgia Logger of the Year by the Georgia Forestry
10 Association (GFA) and the Southeastern Wood Producers Association (SWPA); and

11 WHEREAS, at C. McDowell Logging, he has built a culture that emphasizes consistency,
12 safe habits, accountability, and respect for the people doing the work as well as the
13 landowners and the land itself; and

14 WHEREAS, beyond the day-to-day demands of logging, Tobey has become a respected
15 voice for the industry, having advocated under the Gold Dome on issues important to
16 Georgia's forest economy and speaking up for practical policies that support the working
17 people who keep the forestry supply chain moving; and

18 WHEREAS, this prestigious award also highlights his long-standing service through
19 CrossOver Ministries in Jackson, Georgia, and notes that his faith and commitment to service
20 are central to who he is as a husband, father, employer, and community member; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to being named Georgia's Logger of the Year, Tobey has been
22 selected by the Forest Resources Association (FRA) as the Southeastern Logger of the Year
23 and will be recognized in Auburn, Alabama, in March 2026, where he will have the
24 opportunity to compete against top loggers from across the United States for FRA's National
25 Logger of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, Cornelius "Tobey" McDowell is a person of magnanimous strengths with an
27 unimpeachable reputation for hard work, integrity, and professionalism; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding Georgian be
29 appropriately honored.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate Cornelius "Tobey" McDowell upon being named the 2025 Georgia Logger of
32 the Year and extend sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Cornelius "Tobey"
35 McDowell.