

## House Resolution 1257

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Burchett of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Cannon of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Herbert Hodges, the 2025 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, at the Georgia Forestry Association's Annual Conference & Forestry Expo, the  
4 Georgia Tree Farm Program named Herbert Hodges of the Hodges Tree Farm as the 2025  
5 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year in recognition of his outstanding forest management and  
6 dedication to sustainable land stewardship; and

7 WHEREAS, presented through the American Tree Farm System, this prestigious award  
8 honors private landowners who demonstrate forestry practices that support local wildlife,  
9 wood production, water conservation, and recreational opportunities; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hodges and his family exemplify outstanding stewardship of Georgia's  
11 forestland and represent the many private landowners who sustainably manage working  
12 forests while supporting rural economies across the state; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary Georgian be appropriately  
14 honored during this special time.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body congratulate Herbert Hodges of the Hodges Tree Farm upon their  
17 recognition as the 2025 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year as well as extend best wishes for  
18 continued success.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
21 Herbert Hodges.