

## House Resolution 1538

By: Representatives Mathis of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, McDonald III of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Chastain of the 7<sup>th</sup>, McCollum of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Gullett of the 19<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the City of Cochran Fire Department; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on December 25, 2025, the City of Cochran Fire Department was dispatched  
3 to a structure fire on 145 North Sixth Street, where a female occupant was reported to be  
4 trapped within a rapidly burning residence; and
- 5 WHEREAS, responding units arrived to find a single-story wood-frame building with heavy,  
6 concentrated flames and dense black smoke venting from every door and window, at which  
7 time multiple individuals directed the firefighters to the bedroom where the trapped female  
8 was located; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Chief Brock Wilcher immediately allocated all available resources to search and  
10 rescue operations, and the firefighters entered the residence through an exterior bedroom  
11 window under conditions of extreme heat and zero visibility; and
- 12 WHEREAS, upon finding the female subject unconscious and unresponsive, the firefighters  
13 quickly removed her from the structure and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation before  
14 transferring patient care to Heartland EMS; and

15 WHEREAS, the individual was transported soon thereafter to a burn center in Augusta,  
16 Georgia, to recover from her injuries, and she is expected to return to Cochran and her family  
17 later this month; and

18 WHEREAS, the coordinated actions of Chief Brock Wilcher, Sergeant Colton Kleinfeld,  
19 Firefighter Timothy McElroy, Firefighter Quang Nguyen, Firefighter Bruce Nguyen,  
20 Firefighter Nicholas Mleczek, and Firefighter Michael Angus exemplified decisive  
21 leadership, operational discipline, and a clear prioritization of human life under dangerous  
22 and rapidly evolving conditions; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the courage, professionalism, and  
24 lifesaving actions demonstrated by the City of Cochran Fire Department be appropriately  
25 honored by this body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the City of Cochran Fire Department for its bravery,  
28 decisive action, and exceptional service during this life-threatening incident and express  
29 sincere appreciation for its exemplary dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens  
30 of this state.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 City of Cochran Fire Department.