

## Senate Resolution 929

By: Senators Burns of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Forestry Commission's Telfair/Wheeler County  
2 Unit on being named the 2025 Unit of the Year for Service; the Emanuel/Candler Unit on  
3 being named the 2025 Unit of the Year for Community Engagement; Will Dale for being  
4 named the 2025 Wildland Firefighter of the Year; and Matthew O'Connor for being named  
5 the 2025 Forester of the Year; and for other purposes.

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

10 WHEREAS, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Telfair/Wheeler County Unit in  
11 serving landowners through firebreak plowing, prescribed burn assists, and other services as  
12 well as the Emanuel/Candler County Unit in engaging their communities through Smokey  
13 Bear programs, educational programs, and other outreach events, these units were selected  
14 as the Georgia Forestry Commission's 2025 Unit of the Year for Service and Unit of the Year  
15 for Community Engagement respectively; and

16 WHEREAS, due to his outstanding accomplishments in all areas of wildfire mitigation and  
17 suppression in the year 2025, Will Dale was selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's  
18 2025 Wildland Firefighter of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, due to his outstanding accomplishments in all areas of forest management in  
20 the year 2025, Matthew O'Connor was selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's 2025  
21 Forester of the Year.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize and commend the Telfair/Wheeler County Unit, the Emanuel/Candler Unit, Will  
24 Dale, and Matthew O'Connor upon being named the Georgia Forestry Commission's 2025  
25 Unit of the Year for Service, 2025 Unit of the Year for Community Engagement, 2025  
26 Wildland Firefighter of the Year, and 2025 Forester of the Year respectively.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
29 press.