

House Resolution 1590

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, McCall of the 33rd, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison Forestry Unit for being named the Georgia
2 Forestry Commission 2013 Northern Unit of the Year and inviting its dedicated professionals
3 to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Forestry Commission is to provide leadership,
5 service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources; and

6 WHEREAS, each year one forestry unit is selected as the Georgia Forestry Commission's
7 Northern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishments that are weighed
8 and voted upon by the Georgia Forestry Commission's leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison Forestry Unit's most notable achievements
10 include: plowing fire breaks for 56 landowners totaling 258 miles with 100 percent BMP
11 implementation, assisting with prescribed burning of 1,723 acres, providing 107 wildfire risk
12 assessments, delivering 54 educational programs in the community, operating and
13 maintaining the GFC tree spade, renovating the Georgia Forestry Commission's Athens
14 office and fire tower, performing building repairs at the Georgia Forestry Commission's
15 Stone Mountain office, installing radio grounding on multiple radio towers, and collecting,
16 transporting, and assisting with the setup of the state capitol Christmas tree; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments, the forestry unit maintained
18 outstanding wildfire protection of 346,983 forested acres in four counties, with a total of 45
19 wildfires which limited burned areas to 83 acres for an average fire size of only 1.84 acres;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison
22 Forestry Unit in the year 2013, the unit was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission
23 Northern Unit of the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, the recognized forestry unit is comprised of Ranger Brannon Carey, Ranger
25 Russell Carroll, Ranger Brian Hulsey, Ranger Wesley Moss, Ranger Douglas Slay, Ranger
26 Derek Thomason, and Chief Ranger/Forest Technician Gary Roberts; and

27 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison Forestry Unit are a
28 clear indication of the dedication and teamwork of the individuals at the unit, the unit's ability
29 to work together with limited personnel resources and surpass the goals of the work group,
30 the pride the unit possess in its job, and the unit's complete devotion to Georgia's citizens and
31 its fellow Georgia Forestry Commission professionals; and

32 WHEREAS, the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens
33 of Franklin, Hart, Elbert, and Madison counties, the Coosa District, the Georgia Forestry
34 Commission, and the entire State of Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the Franklin/Hart/Elbert/Madison Forestry Unit for
37 being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2013 Northern Unit of the Year and invite
38 its dedicated professionals to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and
39 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Ranger/Forest
42 Technician Gary Roberts.