

## House Resolution 1595

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Nimmer of the 178<sup>th</sup>, Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Satilla District for being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2013  
2 District of the Year and inviting its dedicated professionals to be recognized by the House  
3 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 district is selected as Georgia Forestry Commission's  
7 District of the Year based on 50 measures of accomplishments that include: customer  
8 satisfaction, public outreach, number of miles plowed and harrowed, training hours logged,  
9 facility appearance, seedlings sold, and landowner forest management plans completed; and

10 WHEREAS, the Satilla District reduced the average wildfire size by 20 percent, increased  
11 pre-suppression firebreak plowing by 33 percent, increased assistance to landowners  
12 performing prescribed burns by 143 percent, sold and delivered to landowners 3,459,450  
13 seedlings, worked with private landowners on 34 percent more forest management cases, and  
14 exceeded the statewide average in forestry related educational programs; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to the above listed accomplishments, the Satilla District maintained  
16 outstanding wildfire protection of the district's 3,856,860 forested acres, responding to 505  
17 wildfires that burned 2,157 acres for an average fire size of 4.27 acres; and

18 WHEREAS, due to these outstanding accomplishments of the Satilla District in the year  
19 2013, the district was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission District of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, the recognized district is comprised of Rangers Timothy Crosby, Danny Rowe,  
21 Ronnie Taylor, Joshua Yawn, Darwin Corbitt, Derek Harper, Kevin Pittman, Trey Spivey  
22 III, Clayton Davis, Michael Nix, Randy Spell, Christopher C. Carter, Christopher J. Carter,  
23 Mitchell Daniels, Logan Edgy, Donald James, David Westberry, Frank Allen III, James

24 Armstrong, Jason Harris, Matt Laricos, Marvin Miller, Timothy Redick, Chad Hester, Ethan  
25 Powell, William Rodgers, Woody Woods, Kenny Cox, Staten Levings III, Tad Littleton,  
26 Zach Mullis, Buster Croft, Blakely Littleton, Jonathan Livingston, Chris Rigg, James Sikes,  
27 Darren Vaughn, Kenneth Wells Jr., Berry Bohannon, David Rewis, Dale Arnold, Hilton  
28 Bennett, Eric Smith, Tony Thomas, James Anderson, Jonathan Herrin, Teressa Moore, and  
29 Dustin Ogden; Supplemental Firefighters William Greene, Benjamin Amiot, Mike Foreman,  
30 Steve Miller, Timmy Lee, Darin Russ, Billy Young, Jamie Braddy, and Ethan Boatright;  
31 County Clerks/Tower Operators Heather Musgrove, Nikki Scott, Pam Lusher and Jennifer  
32 Evans; Chief Rangers James Rewis, James Smith, Blair Joiner, Barry Rowell, Wes Merkison,  
33 Stephen Spradley, Jason Squires, Duke Campbell, Thomas Whitley, and Derrick Duncan;  
34 Foresters William Harvey and Ethan Robertson; and District Staff Jessica Lee, Bo Chesser,  
35 Buck Kline, and Jason Gillis; and

36 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Satilla District are a clear indication of the hard  
37 work, dedication, and team work present in the district, the ability of district personnel to  
38 meet increased demand for services by working together with fewer resources, and the  
39 district's commitment to continually showing loyalty to customers and communities; and

40 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Satilla District bring great pride upon the  
41 professionals within the district, the citizens of the district, the Georgia Forestry  
42 Commission, and the State of Georgia.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
44 the members of this body commend the Satilla District for being named the Georgia Forestry  
45 Commission 2013 District of the Year and invite its dedicated professionals to be recognized  
46 by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the  
47 House.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to District Manager Jason  
50 Gillis.