

Senate Resolution 223

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Hatchett of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Dolezal of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ryan Locke; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division
3 named Ryan Locke of Hall County as its 2020 Game Warden of the Year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ryan Locke earned the Torch Award in 2019 preceding the Warden of the Year
5 honor, helping to prove he deserved the department's top honor; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in his professional duty, Ryan Locke checked 155 hunting licenses, 217 fishing
7 licenses, and 490 boats, generating 183 citations and 186 warnings and ensuring the health
8 and safety of all Georgians who enjoy our outdoors and resources; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a boating safety officer, he is assigned to patrol and keep safe millions of
10 annual visitors of Lake Lanier; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in addition to his lake patrol duties, Ryan Locke investigated and gathered
12 evidence in an onerous poaching case, resulting in identifying 63 violations of seven
13 poachers, including hunting deer at night, hunting from a vehicle, hunting from a public road,
14 possession of over-the-limit game, and numerous license offenses; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas Barnard, director of the law enforcement division, said "Ryan
16 performed exceptionally and has distinguished himself among his peers"; and

17 WHEREAS, Ryan Locke sets an example of upholding our laws and being a role model to
18 his department and deserves public commendation and praise for an honor well-deserved.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize and commend Ryan Locke for being named the 2020 Game Warden of the Year
21 and extend best wishes for many more years of successful service.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ryan Locke.