

## House Resolution 1591

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup> and Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit for being named the Georgia Forestry  
2 Commission 2013 Southern Unit of the Year and inviting its dedicated professionals to be  
3 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 Southern Unit of the Year based on various measures of accomplishment that are weighed  
8 and voted upon by the Georgia Forestry Commission's leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit's most notable achievements include:  
10 assisting on 5,375 acres of prescribed burning, plowing 295 hours of firebreaks with 100  
11 percent BMP implementation, delivering educational programs in the community, including  
12 the Pine Mountain Field Day and the Nature Conservancy's Chattahoochee Fall Line  
13 Conservation Partnership workshop, installing nine communications grounding mats and  
14 upgrading each site in the Flint District, operating the Chattahoochee Fire Tower, building  
15 45 ATV aluminum tanks, providing assistance with the Flint office renovations, and having  
16 each employee qualified as an Engine Boss, Heavy Equipment Boss, and ICT 4; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to these countless accomplishments, the forestry unit maintained  
18 outstanding wildfire protection of Chattahoochee and Marion counties' 222,978 forested  
19 acres, responding to 29 wildfires that burned a total of 187 acres for an average fire size of  
20 6.45 acres; and

21 WHEREAS, due to the outstanding accomplishments of the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry  
22 Unit in the year 2013, the unit was selected as Georgia Forestry Commission Southern Unit  
23 of the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, the recognized forestry unit is comprised of Ranger Justin Brown,  
25 Ranger/Forester Technician Chris Dunn, Ranger Gerard Powell, Tower Operator Debra  
26 Barricks, Tower Operator Katherine Elliott, Supplemental Firefighter 3 David Forsyth, and  
27 Chief Ranger/Forest Technician RT Lumpkin; and

28 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit are a clear  
29 indication of the dedication and team work present at the unit, the ability of the unit to  
30 establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with local partners, and the  
31 consistently high level of forestry services provided by the unit over the course of many  
32 years; and

33 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee/Marion Forestry Unit brings great pride to the citizens of  
34 Chattahoochee and Marion counties, the Flint District, the Georgia Forestry Commission,  
35 and the entire State of Georgia.

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

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