

Senate Resolution 651

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Harper of the 7th, Black of the 8th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Bleckley County FFA Forestry Team for winning first
2 place in the 2017 National FFA Forestry Career Development Event; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County team won the Georgia FFA's State Forestry Career
4 Development Event (CDE) in the spring of 2017, qualifying its members for the national
5 CDE at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County team was one of 41 teams from across the United States
7 of America to compete in the event; and

8 WHEREAS, the students on each team participated in one team activity and several
9 individual practicums covering a variety of skill sets, including tree identification, tree
10 measurement, equipment identification, map interpretation, chainsaw part identification and
11 troubleshooting, identification of tree and forest disorder, knowledge of forest products and
12 forest business management, and a general knowledge examination, with the points from
13 each activity being compiled to determine the highest scoring team; and

14 WHEREAS, the team from Bleckley County placed first in the event, besting the second
15 place team by 137 points; and

16 WHEREAS, in the individual rankings for the national event, Blake Bohannon placed first,
17 Tucker Felkins placed second, Jacob Smith placed third, and Leann Hearn placed seventh;
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19 WHEREAS, all members of the winning team received scholarships, as well as a plaque for
20 their remarkable accomplishment; and

21 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the Bleckley County FFA Forestry Team is a
22 clear indication of their outstanding forestry ability and knowledge, their dedication and hard

23 work, and their passion for outdoorsmanship, as well as the astute direction of the team's
24 advisor, Mr. Doyle Floyd; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 extraordinary FFA forestry team be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the Bleckley County FFA Forestry Team for winning first place in the 2017
29 National FFA Forestry Career Development Event, commend it for the great pride it has
30 brought to the citizens of Georgia, and extend its members best wishes for their continued
31 success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the
34 Bleckley County FFA Forestry Team.