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### HUDGENS: TRAGIC DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSE FIRE KILLS ELDERLY COUPLE

**Atlanta** – A State Fire Investigator with Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office has ruled an overnight house fire in Douglas County that claimed the lives of a husband and wife accidental.

The fire which, occurred around 2:57 a.m., killed Boyd Weese, 80, and his wife, Evelyn Weese, 79. Their home located at 6485 Ansley Blvd., in Lithia Springs was destroyed.

"My fire investigator determined that the blaze started in the attic of the home," Hudgens said. "We believe the fire was the result of an electrical malfunction."

Investigators found no signs of a working smoke alarm found inside the home. These deaths beings the total number of Georgians who have died as a result of a fire this year to 77.

The Douglas County Fire Department assisted with the investigation.

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