

House Bill 287

By: Representatives Pinholster of the 15th, Stancil of the 16th, Cummings of the 27th, McBee of the 88th and Porter of the 143rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College
3 as the official state museum of southeastern Indian art and history; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia, is a
6 museum and pioneer village interpreting the history and culture of the southeastern Native
7 Americans, the first inhabitants of our colony and state who contributed immeasurably to the
8 cultural, economic, and social development of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the center interprets and exhibits paintings, sculpture, and other creative works
10 of contemporary southeastern Indian art and includes a permanent collection of antique hand
11 tools used in trades from rope making and shipbuilding to bookbinding; and

12 WHEREAS, the center offers educational programs, performances, and demonstrations that
13 encourage the study of Native American history and culture and enhance public awareness
14 and understanding of the valuable contributions of our native people; and

15 WHEREAS, the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College is truly an outstanding asset to
16 the people of Georgia and the visiting public, and its mission should be properly recognized.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

18 **SECTION 1.**

19 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
20 symbols, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 50-3-78 to read as
21 follows:

1 "50-3-78.

2 The Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia, is designated as the
3 official state museum of southeastern Indian art and history."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.