

Senate Resolution 860

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Tuesday, March 19, 2002, as "Sportsmen's Day at the state capitol"; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a great heritage of hunting and fishing that is enjoyed
4 by 1.5 million people in Georgia each year; and

5 WHEREAS, hunting and fishing generates \$170 million in state sales and income tax
6 annually, directly supports 50,000 jobs in Georgia, and has a total economic impact of \$4
7 billion annually; and

8 WHEREAS, license fees from hunters and anglers are the primary source for wildlife
9 management area land acquisition in Georgia totaling over 100,000 acres since the late
10 1980's and the annual lease payments on approximately 225,000 acres of wildlife areas and
11 these natural lands not only provide hunting and fishing opportunities to Georgia citizens but
12 are also used by bird watchers, hikers, campers, and educational groups; and

13 WHEREAS, license fees and excise taxes from hunters and anglers have funded the
14 successful restoration of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, bobwhite quail, and wood
15 ducks in Georgia and the stocking of millions of game fish in lakes and rivers all over the
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS, the sportsmen and sportswomen of Georgia and the conservation organizations
18 that they support privately with millions of dollars each year work to preserve our state's
19 natural lands and wildlife which includes nongame as well as game animals.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize Tuesday, March 19, 2002, as "Sportsmen's Day at the state capitol."

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Conservation Congress of Georgia.