

House Resolution 1487

By: Representative McCall of the 90<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to recognize Walter Boone McNeely  
2 for his contributions to the Richard B. Russell State Park; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Walter Boone McNeely is an outstanding Georgian who has significantly  
4 contributed to the quality of life in Elbert County and the City of Elberton and has been an  
5 influential leader and an active volunteer in support of the Richard B. Russell State Park; and

6 WHEREAS, when the announcement was made that Atlanta would host the 1996 Olympic  
7 Summer Games, Walter recognized that Russell Lake was a very valuable training site for  
8 teams from around the world to prepare for the highly competitive water sports; and

9 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing the assistance of the Georgia Department of  
10 Natural Resources and the U.S. Corps of Engineers to build boathouses, racing lanes, and  
11 other facilities to bring Olympic teams to the area for regattas and training; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been a major leader enlisting the assistance of volunteers to build  
13 walking trails throughout the state park and obtaining support for the construction of other  
14 public use entities within the state park; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a vested member of the board of directors of the Friends of Georgia State  
16 Parks and Historic Sites and also serves as the secretary of the organization, and the superb  
17 effort and generous personal contribution he has made on behalf of all Georgians to enrich  
18 the experience at the Richard B. Russell State Park deserves to be properly recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Walter Boone McNeely for his  
21 tremendous contributions to Georgia's Richard B. Russell State Park and urge the Board of  
22 Natural Resources to appropriately recognize the public service of this dedicated Georgian.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Walter Boone McNeely and to the
- 3 Commissioner of Natural Resources.