

House Resolution 303

By: Representatives Ray of the 128th and James of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Peach Festival; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the peach has long been a nationally recognized symbol for the State of
3 Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the year 2001 will see the 78th anniversary of celebrating the peach in Middle
5 Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Peach Festival originated in Peach County, Georgia, in 1987,
7 thanks to the inspiration of Mr. Harold Peavy, who conceived the festival for the purpose of
8 promoting Peach County, Georgia, and the peach industry; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this annual festival, now in its fifteenth year, celebrates Peach County's status
10 as one of the largest producers of peaches in the state; and
- 11 WHEREAS, tens of thousand of visitors attended the 2000 festival and enjoyed the
12 award-winning "Peach Bin Races," fresh peach ice cream, and peach-packing house tours;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Georgia peach industry has played a significant role in the economic growth
15 and prosperity of our state, and Georgia ranks second in the nation in the annual production
16 of peaches; and
- 17 WHEREAS, ths year's festival kicks off with the Peach Blossom Boogie on June 2, 2001,
18 at Camp John Hope; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Peach Festival will be held June 8 through June 9, 2001, in Byron
20 and Fort Valley. Georgians from across the state are invited to the festival and encouraged
21 to participate in this weekend of marvelous festivities, particularly the chance to see and

1 sample the "World's Largest Peach Cobbler"; watch the parade, Miss Georgia Peach Pageant,
2 and continuous main stage acts; share in the fun with Clown Town Children's Entertainment;
3 and cap off the evening with street dancing and fireworks.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend the Georgia Peach Festival for promoting the importance
6 of this agricultural product of Georgia and for celebrating February 22, 2001, as Georgia
7 Peach Festival Day at the Capitol.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of
10 the Georgia Peach Festival.