

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 287:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Funk Heritage/Bennett Center at Reinhardt College as Georgia's official Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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1 "50-3-78.
2 The Funk Heritage/Bennett Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia, is designated
3 as Georgia's official Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.