

Senate Resolution 227

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Foxfire program on its 35th anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Foxfire program of Rabun County was founded in 1966 and has created and
3 developed unique teaching and learning opportunities for students, teachers, and the
4 community for 35 years; and

5 WHEREAS, the Foxfire program allowed students to gain academic skills to produce 134
6 magazines utilizing its original mission: meeting local curriculum mandates, students helping
7 make key decisions, and focusing on recording and preserving the Appalachian culture,
8 heritage, and language; and

9 WHEREAS, 242 Foxfire students have earned over \$550,000.00 in scholarships since the
10 program's inception and more than 400 students participate in the program's summer jobs
11 program, preserving and keeping Foxfire properties and publishing skills for the classroom;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Foxfire students have learned how to become engaged in a personal and vital
14 confrontation with their own heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, the Foxfire Center houses a collection of historic log cabins and artifacts and
16 hosts thousands of students, community members, and visitors each year to preserve and
17 showcase Appalachian culture; and

18 WHEREAS, the Foxfire Community Board advises, supports, and helps implement programs
19 throughout Rabun County; and

20 WHEREAS, for 15 years, the program sponsored teacher training programs, creating
21 community focused learning environments and, in 1991, opened the Foxfire Museum for
22 historical collections; and

1 WHEREAS, such incredible accomplishments are worthy of recognition and honor.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
3 commend, laud, and congratulate the Foxfire program for its 35 years of outstanding
4 accomplishments in educating its students, serving the community, and preserving and
5 recording Appalachian heritage, culture, and language.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Foxfire program.