

House Resolution 361

By: Representative Bell of the 25<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Morris Bryan, Jr., Mr. R. H. McEver, Mr. Jack Mackemson, and Mr.  
2 Charles McCollum; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the area of Hurricane Shoals has long been a distinctive setting for some of the  
4 more colorful events in the history of Jackson County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, from the period marked by open hostilities between white settlers and Native  
6 Americans to its present use as a premier recreational area, Hurricane Shoals has undergone  
7 and withstood numerous changes but retained its unique appeal as a Jackson County  
8 landmark; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1906, Dr. L. G. Hardman, who later served as Governor of the State of  
10 Georgia from 1927 to 1931, purchased the property constituting Hurricane Shoals and built  
11 an electric generating plant that provided electricity to the town of Maysville; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Power Company purchased the property from Dr. Hardman in 1930  
13 and operated the electric plant for two years before abandoning it; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1962, the property was purchased by four Jackson County industrialists:  
15 Morris Bryan, Jr. of Jefferson Mills; R. H. McEver of McEver Packing Company; Jack  
16 Mackemson of Roper Pump Company; and Charles McCollum of Blue Bell; and

17 WHEREAS, these visionary men provided in the deed for the property that it was to be used  
18 for recreational purposes only; and

19 WHEREAS, they formed the Hurricane Shoals Park Association, Inc., and from this  
20 foundation has grown a marvelous park and recreational facility which is the pride of Jackson  
21 County; and

1 WHEREAS, the Hurricane Shoals Park has grown to include 100 acres and attracts  
2 thousands of visitors; and

3 WHEREAS, the success of the present facility is entirely due to the vision, foresight, and  
4 generosity of Morris Bryan, Jr., R. H. McEver, Jack Mackemson, and Charles McCollum,  
5 and it is only fitting and proper that they be duly recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body commend Morris Bryan, Jr., R. H. McEver, Jack Mackemson, and  
8 Charles McCollum, outstanding citizens of Jackson County and the State of Georgia, whose  
9 generous contributions have brought considerable enjoyment to many.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Morris Bryan, Jr., R. H.  
12 McEver, Jack Mackemson, and Charles McCollum.