

## House Resolution 20

By: Representatives Jackson of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Burmeister of the 114<sup>th</sup> and Lane of the 146<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and inviting representatives of  
2 the association to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, individual and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of leisure time  
4 have gained significance in the lives of Georgians as their free time for personal pursuits has  
5 diminished; and

6 WHEREAS, recreation encompasses a myriad of activities that result in personal satisfaction  
7 and family unity; and

8 WHEREAS, recreation is not confined to the young and those with great physical prowess  
9 but can be pursued by persons of all ages and abilities in programs of arts and crafts, tourism,  
10 cultural endeavors, and nature studies; and

11 WHEREAS, recreation promotes a zestful approach to life in general through the  
12 encouragement of a broad range of recreation activities that do not demand special  
13 instructions or equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, recreation in its most far-reaching benefits can help combat the problems of  
15 juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, disabling old age, and general depression by offering new  
16 avenues of interest to individuals; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association is celebrating its fifty-fifth year  
18 as an organization committed to the development of quality recreational facilities and  
19 programs in cities and counties throughout Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is a recognized leader in the field of leisure services, but sustained  
21 prominence demands citizen participation, sound management, and adequate appropriations  
22 by all levels of government.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association for its  
3 organized efforts and outstanding commitment to public recreation services and invite  
4 representatives of the association to appear before the House of Representatives on Monday,  
5 February 5, 2001, at a time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles H. Beale,  
8 President of the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association.