

House Resolution 15

By: Representatives Day of the 126th, Jackson of the 124th, Post 1, Stephens of the 123rd, Purcell of the 122nd, Keen of the 146th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in 1938, the U.S. Congress passed a Rivers & Harbors Act which authorized
3 a 12 foot depth in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association allowing the use of larger
4 vessels by contract, common or private carriers, and offered a reduction of hazard to life and
5 vessels for pleasure craft and recreational boaters; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the mission of the association to encourage the continuation and further
7 development of waterborne commerce and recreation in the Intracoastal Waterways of VA,
8 NC, SC, GA, and FL through the promotion of adequate dredging, safe navigation, and
9 maintenance; and

10 WHEREAS, millions of tons of cargo, goods, and services are transported on the waterway
11 each year offering an efficient and competitive alternate mode of transportation; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to commerce, the association provides boaters, vacationers, and
13 outdoor enthusiasts with recreational, tourism, and eco-tourism opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, these association activities also provide opportunities for countless ancillary
15 businesses to support both commercial transportation and recreational boating; and

16 WHEREAS, all of these association activities and their associated economies provide the
17 State of Georgia and the nation with direct and indirect revenues through ad valorem taxes,
18 sales taxes, payroll taxes, license fees, and insurance fees; and

19 WHEREAS, while deferred maintenance and dredging activities have resulted in less than
20 authorized depth conditions, the waterway today remains a fundamental segment of the State
21 of Georgia's and the nation's transportation infrastructure system; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding efforts of this association
2 be recognized appropriately.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association for their
5 energetic and creative response to the continuing needs of the intracoastal waterways of this
6 state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Rosemary Lynch, Executive Director
9 of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association.