

House Bill 494

By: Representatives Hill of the 16th, McBee of the 74th, Rogers of the 15th, Cummings of the 19th, Skipper of the 116th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

19 **SECTION 1.**

20 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
21 symbols, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 50-3-79 to read as
22 follows:

1 "50-3-79.
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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.