

House Resolution 651

By: Representatives McBee of the 74th, Heard of the 75th, and Smith of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Museum of Natural History and recognizing its 25th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Museum of Natural History is the official state museum of natural
4 history and will proudly celebrate its 25th anniversary on October 25, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the museum is to preserve the cultural, biological, and natural
6 heritage of Georgia, to provide instruction and foster stewardship among its people, and to
7 encourage scholarship and service relating to its various special collections; and

8 WHEREAS, museums and their collections are the scientific basis for understanding not only
9 the past and present but also the future, and this museum at the University of Georgia
10 includes valuable collections in archaeology, entomology, botany, geology, herpetology,
11 ichthyology, invertebrates, mammalogy, mycology, ornithology, and palynology; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Museum of Natural History is a teaching, research, and public
13 service resource and its specimens are used by instructors and students in numerous
14 disciplines ranging from scientific illustration to wildlife management and provide invaluable
15 public information regarding conservation, geology, and natural resource protection; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Museum of Natural History is the repository for the study and
17 preservation of the tangible evidence of Georgia's history, culture, and natural heritage, and
18 the collections included in the museum are a wonderful treasure for the state and its citizens.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend the Georgia Museum of Natural History on its vast
21 collections and express congratulations on the proud occasion of its 25th anniversary.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Museum of
3 National History.