

## Senate Resolution 415

By: Senators Hall of the 22nd, Cheeks of the 23rd, Gillis of the 20th, Hill of the 4th, Blitch of the 7th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Woodpecker Trail Association and urging the Department of  
2 Transportation to assist in the development of the Woodpecker Trail; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, that portion of State Route 121 that extends from Augusta to Folkston was  
4 established as the Woodpecker Trail in 1947 by the Woodpecker Route Association, making  
5 it one of the first scenic byways in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, this scenic route extends through ten Georgia counties: Richmond, Burke,  
7 Jenkins, Emanuel, Candler, Tattnall, Appling, Pierce, Brantley, and Charlton; and

8 WHEREAS, many people used the Woodpecker Trail in the 1950s and 1960s to travel  
9 through the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida on vacation or business; and

10 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Walter Lantz, creator of the cartoon character Woody  
11 Woodpecker, gave permission for the use of his character's likeness on the distinctive signs  
12 which were nailed to pine trees to mark the route; and

13 WHEREAS, before the advent of the interstate highway system, the Woodpecker Trail was  
14 once billed as the fastest route to Florida's west coast; and

15 WHEREAS, the Woodpecker Trail Association has been revived and is working to  
16 reestablish the Woodpecker Trail as a tourist attraction for those interested in the real  
17 Georgia, Georgia history, and birdwatching; and

18 WHEREAS, the development of the Woodpecker Trail will provide a considerable attraction  
19 for tourists who want to take a leisurely trip down memory lane and spend time and money  
20 along the way and a considerable economic boost to the counties along its path; and

1 WHEREAS, to be successful, the Woodpecker Trail Association needs the cooperation of  
2 the Georgia Department of Transportation as well as the residents, business owners, and  
3 attractions along the route.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize and commend the Woodpecker Trail Association for its work in reviving and  
6 promoting the Woodpecker Trail and urge the Department of Transportation to cooperate and  
7 assist the Woodpecker Trail Association in its efforts.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Woodpecker Trail Association.