

House Resolution 778

By: Representatives Channell of the 77th, Parrish of the 102nd, Hill of the 147th, Keen of the 146th, Stephens of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Cumberland Island and the Greyfield Inn and urging the Georgia congressional
2 delegation to take action to support access to the wilderness section of the island; and for
3 other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Cumberland Island and the Greyfield Inn are widely recognized as outstanding
5 sites of natural beauty having historic and environmental significance, a source of pride for
6 the citizens of Georgia, and a resource for economic development and tourism; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Greyfield Inn, which was built in 1901, has been lovingly preserved by the
8 Ferguson family, operated as an inn since the mid-1960's, and recognized by the National
9 Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the historic hotels of America; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the successful adaptive use of this historic house has enabled its preservation
11 and should not be hindered by unnecessary restrictions of the inn's ecological tours; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Greyfield's guests should not be denied access to the island's other historic sites
13 listed on the National Register such as Plum Orchard, the Settlement, and Dungeness; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Cumberland Island National Seashore was established as a result of the
15 generosity of the Ferguson family with the understanding that it would be for the recreational
16 enjoyment of all visitors to the island; and
- 17 WHEREAS, denying the current minimal access to this national treasure would limit the
18 ability of the elderly, disabled, and families with children to enjoy the cultural resources
19 which this unique site has to offer; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a map dated 1898-1905 shows North Cut Road, surveyed by E.A. Meader and
21 William E. Page, as the northern most east-west road on the property of Lucy Carnegie,

1 evidencing that the use of this road was well established before the creation of Cumberland
2 Island National Seashore in 1972.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Cumberland Island and the Greyfield Inn for their efforts
5 to promote economic development and tourism in Georgia and urge the Georgia
6 congressional delegation to support access within the wilderness section of Cumberland
7 Island and take action to ensure that the National Park Service maintains the traditional use
8 of North Cut Road and does not allow limitations by any National Park Service permit.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia congressional
11 delegation.