

Senate Resolution 590

By: Senator Cheeks of the 23rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Old Bark Camp Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Old Bark Camp Baptist Church, located near Midville, Georgia, was organized  
3 in 1788, before our national Constitution was adopted and prior to George Washington being  
4 elected as President; and

5 WHEREAS, the church flourished in Burke County until the late 1950's when the building  
6 was abandoned; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Bark Camp Restoration Committee was formed, comprised of local  
8 citizens, united to save and restore the church building for future generations to enjoy. With  
9 the hard work of volunteers and private donations a new metal roof was installed, steps were  
10 built, general repairs were made, and the church will soon have a new coat of paint and  
11 shutters; and

12 WHEREAS, the committee's next goal is to reclaim the cemetery and clean and repair the  
13 headstones of those buried there, including many citizens who worshiped at the church and  
14 who had a dynamic impact on Burke, Jenkins, Emanuel, and Jefferson counties in aspects  
15 of religion and politics; and

16 WHEREAS, the committee will celebrate its restoration progress and Old Bark Camp Baptist  
17 Church's history and its influence during the spring of 2004.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 congratulate the Bark Camp Restoration Committee on its efforts to reclaim Old Bark Camp  
20 Baptist Church and cemetery and extend to the committee their best wishes for continued  
21 success with their restoration project.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Leonard Quick, chairman of the Bark
- 3 Camp Restoration Committee.