

Senate Resolution 646

By: Senators Hall of the 22nd, Cheeks of the 23rd, Hill of the 4th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Woodpecker Trail; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, State Route 121 that extends from Augusta to Folkston was established as the
3 Woodpecker Trail in 1947 by the Woodpecker Route Association, making it one of the first
4 scenic byways in the United States; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this scenic route extends through ten Georgia counties: Richmond, Burke,
6 Jenkins, Emanuel, Candler, Tattnall, Appling, Pierce, Brantley, and Charlton; and
- 7 WHEREAS, many people used the Woodpecker Trail in the 1950s and 1960s to travel
8 through the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida on vacation or business; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Walter Lantz, creator of the cartoon character Woody
10 Woodpecker, gave permission for the use of his character's likeness on the distinctive signs
11 which were nailed to pine trees to mark the route; and
- 12 WHEREAS, before the advent of the interstate highway system, the Woodpecker Trail was
13 once billed as the fastest route to Florida's west coast; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Woodpecker Trail Association has been revived and is working to promote
15 and enhance the recreational, historical, cultural, agricultural, and environmental features
16 along the trail; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the development of the Woodpecker Trail will provide a considerable attraction
18 for tourists who want to take a leisurely trip down memory lane and spend time and money
19 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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that State Route 121 from the Savannah River at Augusta to the Florida state line
6 is designated as the Woodpecker Trail.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
8 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers or signs designating the Woodpecker
9 Trail.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of transportation.