

## House Resolution 1119

By: Representatives McBee of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 75<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commemorating the birth of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* and inviting the  
2 Georgia Humanities Council's president, Dr. Jamil S. Zainaldin, to appear before the House  
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* is the first state encyclopedia in the nation to  
5 be designed and conceived exclusively for publication on the Internet to be available free of  
6 charge and will be launched on "Georgia Day," Thursday, February 12, 2004, at the State  
7 Capitol; and

8 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* tells Georgia's panoramic story – its  
9 achievements, challenges, diversity, and signal developments and will preserve for posterity  
10 the record and still unfolding story of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, it will promote greater knowledge among the state's students about Georgia's  
12 history, government, archaeology, culture, folk life, arts, religion, business, industry,  
13 philanthropy, and sports; and

14 WHEREAS, the encyclopedia will promote cultural travel and tourism and thereby  
15 contribute to the economic development of our state and will become the principal tool for  
16 people outside of Georgia who want to know more about our state; and

17 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* has been recognized by the National  
18 Endowment for the Humanities as a national model; and

19 WHEREAS, the emphasis on readability and excellence will establish the *New Georgia*  
20 *Encyclopedia* as a premier site on the World Wide Web and is an exciting, insightful, and  
21 important resource that puts Georgia's unfolding story at your fingertips; and

1 WHEREAS, spearheading the development of the electronic encyclopedia is Georgia  
2 Humanities Council president, professor of history, and author Dr. Jamil S. Zainaldin, whose  
3 work and diligence brought the project to life.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the House acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to the Georgia Humanities Council,  
6 the Office of the Governor, the University of Georgia Press, and the University System of  
7 Georgia/Galileo for organizing, carrying out, and maintaining the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*  
8 for the people of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House acknowledges the invaluable financial  
10 support extended to the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* by the State of Georgia, the Robert W.  
11 Woodruff Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Georgia Power  
12 Foundation, BellSouth, the Peyton Anderson Foundation, the James Cox Foundation, the  
13 UPS Foundation, and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House recognizes the contributions of the editor,  
15 John Inscoe, and the editorial staff of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*; the University of  
16 Georgia Library; the University of Georgia History Department; the librarians and archivists  
17 of Georgia who provided access, information, and knowledge about Georgia; the writers, fact  
18 checkers, and copy-editors; the institutional partners; Merrill-Hall New Media; and the  
19 advisory board and editorial advisors – all of whose efforts helped make the *New Georgia*  
20 *Encyclopedia* a reality.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body honors the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* for its  
22 innovative and groundbreaking first in the nation status and commemorates its launch and  
23 invites Dr. Jamil S. Zainaldin to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and  
24 time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Humanities Council  
27 president Jamil S. Zainaldin.