

Senate Resolution 843

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

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Woodpecker Trail Highway; 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; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this historic route extends through ten Georgia counties: Richmond, Burke,
5 Jenkins, Emanuel, Candler, Tattnall, Appling, Pierce, Brantley, and Charlton; and
- 6 WHEREAS, many people used the Woodpecker Trail in the 1950s and 1960s to travel
7 through the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida on vacation or business; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Walter Lantz, creator of the cartoon character Woody
9 Woodpecker, gave permission for the use of his character's likeness on the distinctive signs
10 which were nailed to pine trees to mark the route; and
- 11 WHEREAS, before the advent of the interstate highway system, the Woodpecker Trail was
12 once billed as the fastest route to Florida's west coast; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Woodpecker Trail Association has been revived and is working to promote
14 and enhance the recreational, historical, cultural, agricultural, and environmental features
15 along the trail; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the development of the Woodpecker Trail will provide a considerable attraction
17 for tourists who want to take a leisurely trip down memory lane and spend time and money
18 along the way and a considerable economic boost to the counties along its path; and
- 19 WHEREAS, to be successful, the Woodpecker Trail Association needs the cooperation of
20 the Georgia Department of Transportation as well as the residents, business owners, and
21 attractions along the route.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that State Route 121 from the Savannah River at Augusta to the Florida state line
3 is designated as the Woodpecker Trail Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
5 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers or signs designating the Woodpecker
6 Trail Highway.

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