

Senate Resolution 1185

By: Senators Collins of the 6th and Clay of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club has been in existence for over 25 years
3 and is composed of 15,000 Georgians dedicated to the protection of our state's natural
4 environment and who are also members of the national Sierra Club, with a membership of
5 over 750,000; and

6 WHEREAS, the Sierra Club was founded in 1892 by John Muir, a Wisconsin naturalist who
7 toured Georgia as part of his 1,000 mile walk to the Gulf of Mexico and whose image is to
8 be depicted on the California Commemorative quarter-dollar; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Sierra Club, since 1988, has actively participated in each legislative
10 session of the General Assembly by advocating positions on a variety of environmental,
11 conservation, and natural resource issues; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter has been a tireless advocate for increasing protections
13 concerning water supplies and water quality, greater safeguards for areas with landfills, more
14 effective air quality regulations, improved methods of prevention for soil erosion and
15 sedimentation, enhanced protections for coastal and mountain resources, and for the
16 preservation and protection of Georgia's beautiful and precious green space; and

17 WHEREAS, the chapter has also endorsed candidates for local, state, and national office for
18 many years and is proud of the accomplishments of those public officials it has been able to
19 help in that way; and

20 WHEREAS, the chapter's previous chairperson, Sam Booher, has worked diligently for the
21 preservation of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and is a leader in Republicans for
22 Environmental Protection; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club has worked in close association with
2 other conservation organizations such as the Georgia Federation of Garden Clubs, the
3 Georgia Conservancy, the Georgia Wildlife Federation, and the state's many organizations
4 devoted to the protection and preservation of streams and rivers to formally enact a State
5 Water Planning Bill in the 2004 session of the General Assembly.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 recognize the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club for its work in assisting this state in the
8 preservation and protection of Georgia's natural resources and environment and its efforts
9 to improve the quality of life for all Georgians.

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 Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club.