

## House Resolution 164

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, and Lane of the 158<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and inviting representatives  
2 of the association to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, individual and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of leisure  
4 time have gained significance in the lives of Georgians as their free time for personal  
5 pursuits has diminished; and

6 WHEREAS, recreation encompasses myriad activities that result in personal satisfaction  
7 and family unity; and

8 WHEREAS, recreation is not confined to the young and those with great physical  
9 prowess but can be pursued by persons of all ages and abilities in programs of arts and  
10 crafts, tourism, cultural endeavors, and nature studies; and

11 WHEREAS, participation in recreational activity can increase one's physical activity level  
12 and help to combat obesity and other increasing health concerns among Georgians; and

13 WHEREAS, recreation promotes a zestful approach to life in general through the  
14 encouragement of a broad range of recreation activities that do not demand special  
15 instructions or equipment; and

16 WHEREAS, recreation in its most far-reaching benefits can help combat the problems of  
17 juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, disabling old age, and general depression by offering  
18 new avenues of interest to individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association is celebrating its sixtieth year  
20 as an organization committed to the development of quality recreational facilities and  
21 programs in cities and counties throughout Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia is a recognized leader in the field of leisure services, but sustained  
2 prominence demands citizen participation, sound management, and adequate  
3 appropriations by all levels of government.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 that the members of this body commend the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association  
6 for its organized efforts and outstanding commitment to public recreation services and  
7 invite representatives of the association to appear before the House of Representatives at  
8 a day and a time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is  
10 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia  
11 Recreation and Parks Association.