

Senate Resolution 428

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Thomas of the 54th, Schaefer of the 50th, Cagle of the 49th, Reed of the 35th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is the nation's first National Scenic Trail; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is a 2,150 mile continuous footpath which passes  
4 through 14 states from its southern terminus on Springer Mountain in Georgia to its  
5 northern terminus on Mt. Katahdin in Maine; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail passes through the eight North Georgia counties of  
7 Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Union, Rabun, Towns, and White; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is an all-volunteer organization which,  
9 since its formation in 1930, has provided for the protection, management, and  
10 maintenance of the 75.6 miles of the Appalachian Trail, 25.3 miles of associated side  
11 trails, and 22 trail shelters and other structures located within the State of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia Appalachian Trail Club volunteers annually work an average of  
13 10,000 volunteer hours, the equivalent of approximately five full-time employees, on trail  
14 maintenance; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is an advocate for the environment and  
16 strives to foster in its members and the general public an appreciation of the outdoors and  
17 the observation of conservation ethics; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary  
19 throughout 2005.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this  
21 body commend the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club for its 75 years of commitment and

1 volunteer service to the Appalachian Trail in Georgia; its contribution to recreational  
2 opportunities for Georgia residents and the many visitors who are attracted to our state to  
3 enjoy these opportunities; and its efforts to encourage an awareness of the value of our  
4 natural resources and of the need to protect and preserve them for future generations to  
5 enjoy.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club.