

House Resolution 541

By: Representative Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Ms. Roberta J. Cook; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Roberta J. Cook is an accomplished and esteemed resident of Cobb County who  
3 is dedicating her time and talent to protecting and preserving the integrity of the state's  
4 historic areas and its environment; and

5 WHEREAS, Roberta Cook is a native of Rockford, Illinois, who moved to Cobb County,  
6 Georgia, in November, 1995; and

7 WHEREAS, because Nickajack Creek is in her backyard, she joined Cobb County  
8 Adopt-a-Stream and due to her monitoring, two sewage line breaks on different occasions  
9 were discovered and repaired; and

10 WHEREAS, she is an active member of the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper; and

11 WHEREAS, she assists in the enforcement of the Metropolitan River Protection Act by  
12 reporting illegal land disturbances within the 2,000 foot river corridor; and

13 WHEREAS, to counter the loss of treetops by rooftops, she became a Sierra Club-trained,  
14 greenspace activist and it was the trees that led her to appreciate our local history as they  
15 shelter the remains of Johnston's River Line Civil War earthworks; and

16 WHEREAS, upon discovery of the 6 Mile River Line, she has relentlessly led a movement  
17 to establish it as a historic area and for the past three years she has interfaced with citizens,  
18 developers, and historic nonprofits including the Georgia Battlesfields Association; the City  
19 of Smyrna, Cobb County; and the State of Georgia pursuing this goal; and

1 WHEREAS, as a result of her tireless efforts, in 2004, seven acres of woodlands with Civil  
2 War entrenchments were acquired by Cobb County with greenspace funds and the City of  
3 Smyrna purchased the legendary Confederate Hospital on Oakdale Road; and

4 WHEREAS, she is a member of the newly formed River Line Parks Alliance whose mission  
5 is to open Johnston's River Line Park at Veterans Memorial Highway and Discovery  
6 Boulevard to the public as an interpretive site; and

7 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2005, is set aside to celebrate and honor  
8 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and  
9 this nation and it is only fitting and proper that Ms. Cook be recognized on this highly  
10 significant occasion.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body honor and commend Ms. Roberta J. Cook for her tremendous  
13 service and contribution benefitting the State of Georgia.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Roberta J. Cook.