

House Resolution 1121

By: Representatives Lane of the 158th, Hill of the 180th, Burns of the 157th, Amerson of the 9th, Parrish of the 156th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the year of 2006 as the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Georgia's State Parks
2 and Historic Sites; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1931, Indian Springs State Park and Vogel State Park were created to begin
4 Georgia's state parks system, one of the oldest and best loved park systems in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' State Parks and
6 Historic Sites Division has always been to protect our state's natural beauty and historic
7 integrity while providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education; and

8 WHEREAS, its vision is to use the system's diversity and commitment to excellence to be
9 a national model for quality service, resource protection, outdoor recreational opportunities,
10 ecosystems management, and interpretation of our heritage; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is celebrating 75 years
12 of protecting the state's natural, cultural, and recreational resources for generations to come;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the 75th anniversary celebration will help our state parks' 12 million annual
15 visitors appreciate Georgia's heritage of conservation and recreation and will encourage them
16 to become stakeholders in future opportunities and challenges; and

17 WHEREAS, each of Georgia's 63 state parks and historic sites will have a special 75th
18 anniversary commemorative program in 2006 and will create a short history of its site during
19 the course of the year's celebration; and

20 WHEREAS, sponsors supporting the 75th anniversary celebration include the Georgia Power
21 Company, the Coca-Cola Company, Friends of Georgia State Parks, and Georgia Public
22 Broadcasting; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia Public Broadcasting is producing a one-hour documentary, *Sites to*
2 *Behold: A History of Georgia's State Parks & Historic Sites*, to premiere this summer.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join in recognizing the year of 2006 as the 75th Anniversary
5 Celebration of Georgia's State Parks and Historic Sites and extend their congratulations and
6 best wishes for the future to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' board and staff.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of
9 Natural Resources.