

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.