

## House Resolution 1258

By: Representatives Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Reece of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Appalachian Studies Center at North Georgia College and State University  
2 in Dahlonega as Georgia's official Appalachian Studies Center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1873, North Georgia College and State University is the second  
4 oldest public institution of higher education in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, as the only four-year public institution in northeast Georgia, North Georgia  
6 College and State University offers a quality college experience in a beautiful mountain  
7 setting, about an hour north of Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, North Georgia College has the distinction of being the first public college in the  
9 state to admit women, in 1873, and the first to graduate a woman, in 1878; and

10 WHEREAS, North Georgia College and State University began to consider creating an  
11 Appalachian Studies Center out of an awareness that Georgia's academic communities were  
12 missing out on many opportunities relating to the problems, solutions, and activities of the  
13 Appalachian area; and

14 WHEREAS, after observing models of such centers throughout the region, Dr. Alice  
15 Sampson submitted a grant proposal for an Appalachian Studies Center for the State of  
16 Georgia to the Appalachian Regional Commission, which subsequently approved her  
17 proposal; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of the Appalachian Studies Center at North Georgia College and  
19 State University is to honor, engage, serve, and represent the Appalachian region through  
20 awareness, preservation, education, and collaboration; the vision of the Center is to be a  
21 responsive and engaged partner in the community providing leadership and resources to  
22 appreciate the past, assess the present, and address the future; and

1 WHEREAS, the mission and the vision meet identified Appalachian Regional Commission  
2 and State of Georgia goals, objectives, and strategies, including the creation of regional  
3 partnerships and networks; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly and Appalachian Regional Commission deem  
5 the preservation of the culture, heritage, and history of Appalachian communities to be of the  
6 utmost importance.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
8 GEORGIA that the members of this body formally recognize the Appalachian Studies Center  
9 at North Georgia College and State University as the foremost institution of its kind in the  
10 state and designate it as Georgia's official Appalachian Studies Center.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to North Georgia College and  
13 State University, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Board of Regents of the  
14 University System of Georgia.