By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon on its 50th

2 Anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon was established in 1956 and has

4 long been recognized for its service to a regional audience of all ages and interests and as a

5 community resource for lifelong learning and enrichment which seeks to engage its visitors,

6 evoke wonder, stimulate curiosity, and open minds to new worlds of discovery; and

7 WHEREAS, the Museum of Arts and Sciences hosts upwards of 100,000 visitors each year,

8 25,000 of whom are school children from 50 central Georgia counties; and

- 9 WHEREAS, the Museum of Arts and Sciences occupies a modern 45,000 square foot brick
- 10 building on 14 acres of wooded land in midtown Macon which includes a lobby, museum
- 11 store, four galleries with changing exhibits, a 118 seat planetarium, the Discovery House and

12 Back Yard, a classroom, an independently climatized collection storage vault, a 149 seat

13 auditorium, office space, and staff work areas; and

14 WHEREAS, on the grounds of the Museum of Arts and Sciences are an early twentieth

15 century cabin used by Macon author Harry Stillwell Edwards, a caboose, an observatory, and

16 picnic grounds and nature trails; and

WHEREAS, the Museum of Arts and Sciences is Georgia's largest institution devoted to thearts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary work of this fine institution is worthy of recognition andcommendation as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

- 1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 2 recognize and commend the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon for its outstanding work
- 3 in educating and enriching the lives of the citizens of this state for 50 years.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Museum of Arts and Sciences.