

Senate Resolution 1143

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Peggy Sheppard upon her retirement as director of tourism
2 for the Town of Andersonville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Chambliss community has been truly blessed by the presence of Peggy
4 Sheppard since her arrival in 1946 from her native Yonkers, New York, with her wonderful
5 husband Fred Sheppard; and

6 WHEREAS, she has contributed extensively to her community through her farming
7 enterprise with Fred and teaching in the local schools for 22 years; writing numerous widely
8 published articles and award winning books; and serving as the tourism director for the Town
9 of Andersonville for 30 years, among many other community activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Peggy began in 1973 assisting long-time Mayor Lewis Easterlin in transforming
11 Andersonville into a tourist town; and

12 WHEREAS, she has worked tirelessly for the betterment and promotion of Andersonville,
13 not only serving as tourism director for Andersonville, but also coordinating 30
14 Andersonville historic fairs and serving on the board of directors and as president of the
15 Andersonville Trail Association and the Andersonville Guild; and

16 WHEREAS, Peggy became the vibrant force behind tourism in Sumter County, especially
17 in the Andersonville Civil War Village area, and was instrumental in the establishment of the
18 Andersonville Trail, a loop off of Georgia Interstate 75; and

19 WHEREAS, Peggy was the single most driving force behind the city's acquisition of the
20 Drummer Boy's Museum, working tirelessly and utilizing her renowned fundraising talents;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, the Andersonville National Historic Site records over 180,000 visitors a year,
2 testament to Peggy Sheppard's vision and zealous dedication to Andersonville and the
3 surrounding communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Peggy Sheppard has accomplished major changes in her community and
5 touched the lives of visitors from around the world, and having done so with her enthusiasm
6 and dynamic charismatic personality, it is only fitting that this body should recognize Peggy
7 Sheppard and her many contributions to her community and the State of Georgia.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 commend and congratulate Peggy Sheppard upon her retirement as the director of tourism
10 for the Town of Andersonville and express their gratitude for her dedication to her
11 community and the State of Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Peggy Sheppard.