

Senate Resolution 1383

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Noah's Ark; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Noah's Ark was created to provide a home for abused, unwanted, and orphaned  
3 children and animals, ensuring an education for a culturally diverse group of children,  
4 improved social skills, and emotional stability to help break the cycle of poverty and  
5 destructive behavior; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of Noah's Ark is further to provide an awareness through  
7 rehabilitation and education programs with an emphasis on the value of all living beings and  
8 to strive for conservation and preservation; and

9 WHEREAS, Noah's Ark has taken a stand to provide unconditional love and care for humans  
10 and animals who have special needs in their lives whether they are mental, physical, or  
11 emotional challenges; and

12 WHEREAS, as a young girl, Jama Hedgecoth began bringing home injured and orphaned  
13 animals, nursing them back to health and finding them homes, and announced one day to her  
14 parents that when she grew up she would have a home for all unwanted children and animals;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, her dream has become a reality in Noah's Ark which is located on a 250 acre  
17 farm in Locust Grove, Georgia, constituting a natural habitat for animals, a rehabilitation  
18 facility and clinic, nature trails, a welcome center, a training and administration building, and  
19 a residential group home which houses children ages 6-17; and

20 WHEREAS, Noah's Ark's philosophy is to bring children and animals together for the  
21 purpose of providing unconditional love, unconditional service, and a future full of hope; and

1 WHEREAS, the work of Noah's Ark in providing a loving, safe, and healing home for  
2 children and animals where together they can find unconditional love is an inspiration to all,  
3 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of Noah's Ark to the  
4 community and the State of Geogia be appropriately recognized.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend and recognize the tireless devotion of Noah's Ark to the children and animals  
7 under its care and extend to Noah's Ark their sincere best wishes for continued success.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jama Hedgecoth.