

## Senate Resolution 121

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Rogers of the 21st, Carter of the 13th, Brown of the 26th, Chance of the 16th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the tourism industry in Georgia and establishing January 30, 2007, as a time  
2 to recognize the vital role that the travel and tourism industry plays in Georgia's economic  
3 prosperity, and the quality of life for all Georgians hosting just over 62 million visitors; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, tourism annually generates approximately \$28 billion in tourism expenditures,  
6 which supports 217,000 jobs and contributes \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

7 WHEREAS, travel and tourism industry representatives work to promote Georgia as a  
8 premier travel destination with unique places, scenes, and activities; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia encompasses one of the country's most diverse landscapes, including  
10 metropolitan Atlanta, more than 100 miles of pristine coastline, the foothills of the  
11 Appalachian Mountains, unspoiled forests, lakes and rivers, and fertile farmlands; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia offers a wealth of travel destinations within an easy drive from  
13 anywhere in the Southeast; and

14 WHEREAS, visitors can tour the Georgia Aquarium, explore the vineyards of North  
15 Georgia, rediscover The Cloister on Sea Island, take a ride on the SAM Shortline in Cordele,  
16 or visit one of Georgia's many state parks; and

17 WHEREAS, tourism is a clean industry that enhances the quality of life within the state,  
18 supports the critical services that Georgians require, and creates the environment that attracts  
19 non-tourism businesses to Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend the Georgia tourism industry for the positive impact tourism has on the State of

1 Georgia and all of its citizens and establish January 30, 2007, as a time to recognize the  
2 travel and tourism industry.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ken Stewart, Commissioner of the  
5 Georgia Department of Economic Development; Dennis Kelley, Chairman of the Georgia  
6 Chamber Tourism Committee; Barry White, Chairman of the Tourism Development Alliance  
7 of Georgia; and Peter Bowden, Chairman of the Georgia Association of Convention and  
8 Visitors Bureaus.