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Senate Resolution 840

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sara Dismuke and Sally Hatcher; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic places have contributed to the
- 3 economic and social well-being of our state by revitalizing downtowns, rehabilitating historic
- 4 neighborhoods, attracting tourists, increasing tax bases, and creating jobs and real estate
- 5 investment opportunities in historic districts throughout Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, about three-quarters of a billion private dollars have been invested in
- 7 completing certified historic rehabilitation projects in Georgia administered by the Historic
- 8 Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources; and
- 9 WHEREAS, historic sites are the number one destination chosen by visitors to Georgia, and
- 10 heritage tourism is a major feature of Georgia's \$28 billion tourism economy that employs
- 11 217,000 Georgians with a return of \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Columbus State University has become a recognized leader in the historic
- 13 preservation arena through its many innovative programs and services including its
- 14 sponsorship of the Preservation Award program; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Sara Dismuke and Sally Hatcher were recognized at the 41st Annual Meeting
- and Preservation Awards program for their outstanding efforts in acting as cochairpersons
- 17 of the 40th Anniversary Gala; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be recognized appropriately for their
- 19 outstanding efforts.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 21 commend Sara Dismuke and Sally Hatcher for the superlative services they have rendered
- 22 to the State of Georgia through their inspired efforts on behalf of historic preservation.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sara Dismuke and Sally Hatcher.