

Senate Resolution 885

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mary Lou Swift; 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, Mary Lou Swift was recognized at the 41st Annual Meeting and Preservation  
16 Awards program for her outstanding efforts in updating the 1966 Carl Fiess Survey of  
17 historic properties; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that she be recognized appropriately for her  
19 outstanding efforts.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend Mary Lou Swift for the superlative services she has rendered to the State of  
22 Georgia through her inspired efforts on behalf of historic preservation.

- 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 Mary Lou Swift.