

Senate Resolution 993

By: Senator Schaefer of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the founders of the Paul Anderson Memorial Park; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the community in Stephens County owes a debt of gratitude to a group of fourth
4 grade gifted students, who are now freshmen in college, for their efforts to generate
5 community awareness for one of Georgia's own great citizens, Paul Anderson; and

6 WHEREAS, the leadership, guidance, and encouragement of their teacher, Mrs. Cynthia
7 Sanders led these students to believe that their voice counted and that they had the ability to
8 affect change in their community; and

9 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1999, students from Stephens County SEARCH (Seeking
10 Educational Achievement and Reaching Creative Horizons) took it upon themselves to
11 research the life of famous Toccoa native Paul Anderson; and

12 WHEREAS, after concluding their research, they were inspired to become civic activists by
13 establishing some form of public memorial to recognize the achievements of arguably
14 Toccoa's most famous citizen; and

15 WHEREAS, in April, 1999, they made a presentation to the Toccoa City Commission to
16 propose consideration of naming a city park and street in honor of Mr. Anderson; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Allyson Twilley made the presentation with these words: "We are here to
18 request the naming of a city park after Toccoa's favorite, native-born son, Mr. Paul Anderson,
19 better known to all of us as the 'world's strongest man.' Is this not the type of man that we
20 as children need to remember? Is not Paul Anderson, who served God wholeheartedly until
21 he drew his last breath, a role model that we can follow in a time when good role models are
22 so hard to find?"; and

1 WHEREAS, from the efforts of these young students, Paul Anderson Memorial Park was
2 born.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 hereby recognize and commend park founders Cameron Chaffin, Robert Gambrell, Rebecca
5 Howell, Andrew Ivester, Kase Jameson, Chasity Means, Beji Stegner, Allyson Twilley, Dani
6 Wisotzki, and their fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Sanders, for their outstanding efforts
7 on behalf of their community and this state.

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 Cameron Chaffin, Robert Gambrell,
10 Rebecca Howell, Andrew Ivester, Kase Jameson, Chasity Means, Beji Stegner, Allyson
11 Twilley, Dani Wisotzki, and their teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Sanders.