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Senate Resolution 484

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Hooks of the 14th, Grant of the 25th, Harp of the 29th, Thompson of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 12, 2009, as Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites Day at the state
- 2 capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) of the
- 4 Georgia Department of Natural Resources was founded in 1931 and has provided residents
- 5 and visitors with 78 years of recreational use of public lands, environmental education,
- 6 management and conservation of natural resources, and preservation of historic sites; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the division provides outdoor recreation and education for people of all ages
- 8 and abilities and promotes involvement in nature to establish life-long physical, mental, and
- 9 community benefits; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the division's environmental stewardship of 85,647 acres of public land
- 11 represents sound land management practices that ensures Georgia parks and historic sites will
- 12 continue to provide greenspace, clean air and water, land conservation, wildlife habitats,
- beauty, and recreational opportunities for future generations; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the priorities of PRHSD to enhance economic vitality, to promote health,
- 15 fitness, and livability of all communities, and to conserve and properly use natural resources
- 16 provide a pathway to successfully resist the rapid urbanization, loss of greenspace, declining
- 17 health, and diminished conservation ethic in the state; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the division fosters and encourages an interest in health awareness, fitness, and
- 19 the outdoors that has the potential to make Georgia a leader in nature tourism for visitors to
- 20 enjoy activities such as camping, hiking, biking, fishing, boating, birding, golfing, and
- 21 historic site seeing; and
- 22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the significant contributions made by the
- 23 division to the welfare of this state be recognized.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

- 25 commend the significant contributions made by the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic
- 26 Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and recognize March 12,
- 27 2009, as Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites Day at the state capitol.
- 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic
- 30 Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.