

Senate Resolution 540

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Slosheye Trail BIG PIG JIG; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, to a true Southerner, great barbecue is both a blessing and a necessity of life;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, barbeque is part of the cultural heritage of the South, with a variety of cooking  
5 styles, serving methods, and preferred side dishes and sauces; and

6 WHEREAS, in the quest to find the best barbecue in the land, the Dooly County Chamber  
7 of Commerce is sponsoring its annual Slosheye Trail BIG PIG JIG in Vienna, Georgia, on  
8 November 4-5, 2011, celebrating 30 years as Georgia's official Barbeque Cooking Contest;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, this peerless "Cadillac of Barbecue Contests" attracts teams of intense  
11 contenders from across the southeastern United States who match their skills in developing  
12 the perfect combination of sauce, cooking technique, and craftsmanship in the consummate  
13 art of pig cookery and the creation of one of the most exquisite, treasured, and relished foods  
14 in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, the BIG PIG JIG is one of the only barbeque events that has permanent  
16 structures built especially for cooking barbeque, with over 100 teams from the Southeast  
17 expected to participate in this pig-cooking contest using various cooking equipment,  
18 techniques, and recipes; and

19 WHEREAS, the General Assembly designated this glorious event as the "official state pork  
20 barbecue championship cookoff" in 1997; and

21 WHEREAS, people of all ages can enjoy this Southern tradition, whether they prefer their  
22 barbeque chopped or sliced, served with Brunswick stew, bread, hushpuppies or cole slaw,  
23 or doused with a vinegar, tomato, or mustard-based sauce; and

24 WHEREAS, the overall grand champion of the contest, whose tender, succulent, and  
25 matchless pork preparation is deemed most delectable to the senses, pleasing to the palate,  
26 and matchlessly mouth watering above all others shall represent this state in the 2011 World  
27 Barbecue Cooking Championship; and

28 WHEREAS, the Dooly County BIG PIG JIG has grown tremendously over the last 30 years  
29 to become one of the South's most popular annual festivals, providing a positive economic  
30 impact on rural Georgia with the City of Vienna growing tenfold during the event.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes the  
32 Slosheye Trail Big Pig Jig and commends the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce for  
33 bringing this outstanding event to the hearts and palates of the citizens of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Dooly County Chamber of  
36 Commerce.