

Senate Resolution 548

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Right to Hike; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Right to Hike is a organization dedicated to celebrating the life of Meredith
3 Hope Emerson by raising funds and awareness of causes that were close to Meredith's heart;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Right to Hike honors the memory of Meredith Emerson by sharing her courage,
6 love of the outdoors, and belief that all people have the right to live without fear; and

7 WHEREAS, to date, Right to Hike has raised approximately \$50,000.00 for various causes
8 and improved the lives of countless Georgians through its projects; and

9 WHEREAS, Right to Hike honors Meredith's love of animals through its donations to PAWS
10 Atlanta, Labrador Friends of the South, and the Georgia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty
11 to Animals; and

12 WHEREAS, funds collected by Right to Hike have been used to make important donations,
13 such as GPS tracking units to the Union County Search and Rescue and emergency phone
14 units for the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, the City of Suwanee, and the City
15 of Sugar Hill; and

16 WHEREAS, Right to Hike maintains continued partnerships with the Gwinnett Braves for
17 their Bark in the Park event and the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center; and

18 WHEREAS, donations have been made by Right to Hike to the Meredith Hope Emerson
19 Memorial Award for Study Abroad, the American Red Cross, and the Mountain Shelter of
20 Blairsville; and

21 WHEREAS, Right to Hike helps sponsor events such as the Suwanee Fall Festival, the
22 Duluth Fall Festival, Lilburn Daze, and Infiniti of Gwinnett's Back to School Backpack
23 program; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
25 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
26 recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the Right to Hike organization for its service to countless Georgians and commend
29 the organization for its efforts to honor the life and legacy of Meredith Hope Emerson.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Right to Hike.