

House Resolution 1065

By: Representative Smith of the 70th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the opening of Chattahoochee Bend State Park; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is opening Chattahoochee Bend
3 State Park during the summer of 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, this new state park will offer Georgians and visitors a full array of natural,
5 cultural, and recreational opportunities including recreational vehicle and tent camping,
6 riverfront platform camping, pioneer camping, walk-in camping, playgrounds, boat ramps,
7 an observation platform, hiking trails, picnic areas, and a visitor center where a wide variety
8 of programs and services will be provided; and

9 WHEREAS, Chattahoochee Bend State Park will be Georgia's fifth largest state park with
10 2,910 acres and will protect approximately seven miles of Chattahoochee River frontage in
11 northwest Coweta County; and

12 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee Bend State Park property was acquired through the
13 Chattahoochee River Land Protection Campaign and included federal, state, philanthropic,
14 and private funding support from partners including the Woodruff Foundation, The Nature
15 Conservancy, and Georgia Power Company; and

16 WHEREAS, park development funds totaling \$7 million were appropriated by the Georgia
17 General Assembly in 2009 based on the master plan procured with financial support from
18 Coweta County and the Friends of Chattahoochee Bend State Park, and further funding
19 support was provided through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program; and

20 WHEREAS, the Friends of Chattahoochee Bend State Park Chapter, a driving force in
21 support of the park, has developed and constructed over five miles of wooded trails and will
22 continue to partner with DNR to promote and support the park both through volunteers and
23 financial means; and

24 WHEREAS, the public and private collaborations and partnerships to achieve this new state
25 park are exemplary models for the development and operations of public parks bringing
26 together stakeholders and financing opportunities to benefit the state, the community, and the
27 general public; and

28 WHEREAS, Chattahoochee Bend State Park is projected to provide millions of dollars of
29 economic impact and jobs for the state and will be an important tourism asset for the local
30 community.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize Chattahoochee Bend State Park as the newest addition
33 to Georgia's state park system to be opened during the summer of 2011.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the State Parks, Recreation
36 and Historic Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.