

House Resolution 1239

By: Representatives Manning of the 32nd, Ashe of the 56th, Harden of the 147th, Riley of the 50th, Neal of the 75th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the cities of Marietta, Atlanta, and Jonesboro to recognize the Gone With the Wind
2 Trail; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia contains countless historical sites and geographical regions
4 which are rich in educational and recreational features; and

5 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Region contains many features which reach back to Georgia's
6 diverse and fascinating heritage, including the cultural and historical development along this
7 historic trail; and

8 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Gone With the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell,
9 whose novel continues to sell in record numbers after 75 years in print, attracts visitors
10 internationally and domestically to the area, providing an economic impact to the State of
11 Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, *Gone With the Wind* continues to promote diversity through Margaret Mitchell's
13 support of Morehouse College for more than 60 years, as well as her work in helping to
14 integrate the Atlanta Police Department and establishing both Caucasian and
15 African-American clinics at Grady Hospital in Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, the designated sites, while being individually significant, would provide a
17 stronger and more lasting impact on tourism as a legislated partnership in the form of a Gone
18 With the Wind Trail; and

19 WHEREAS, the recognition of the Gone With the Wind Trail would serve to enhance
20 visibility and recognition for the state both nationally and internationally, making this legacy
21 a vital and appropriate beginning to this process.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body urge the cities of Marietta, Atlanta, and Jonesboro to recognize the
24 Gone With the Wind Trail.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.