

House Resolution 1915

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Sylvania Information Center upon the occasion of its 50th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Sylvania Information Center, originally called the Welcome Station, was
4 the first welcome center in the State of Georgia and was completed and opened on January
5 20, 1960, on the Wade Plantation off of Highway 301, one of the state's heaviest traveled
6 tourist locations; and

7 WHEREAS, A.J. Rowan, owner of the Wade Plantation, deeded the land to this state and in
8 1972 the State of Georgia purchased 2.03 acres behind the welcome center and constructed
9 a water treatment plant to accommodate more traffic; and

10 WHEREAS, the Sylvania Information Center was the forerunner of ten additional state
11 visitor information centers to open between 1963 and 1980 which are located on the
12 interstates bordering Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina, and together they
13 make up the 11 Gateways into Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, the Sylvania Information Center is not only the first visitor center built in this
15 state but also the oldest operating one in the U.S.; and

16 WHEREAS, the image of Georgia has greatly improved and the well-trained personnel of
17 the state centers have played a major role in seeing tourism evolve as the second largest
18 industry in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this establishment be appropriately
20 recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the Sylvania Information Center for its contributions to
23 tourism for the State of Georgia over the last 50 years.

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