

House Resolution 373

By: Representative Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Civil War Commission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Civil War Commission, created in 1993 by the Georgia General
3 Assembly, promotes heritage tourism; and
- 4 WHEREAS, its mandate is to coordinate planning, preservation, and promotion of structures,
5 buildings, sites, and battlefields associated with this significant period of our common
6 heritage; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Civil War Commission in its 20 year history has developed a
8 heritage plan promoting Georgia's heritage tourism and has provided incentives to local
9 landowners and local governments to preserve Civil War battlefields and historic sites; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Civil War Commission has acquired or provided funds for the
11 acquisition of Civil War battlefields, cemeteries, and other historic properties in the past 20
12 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it led the effort to save the Griswoldville and Resaca Battlefield from
14 destruction, authored educational publications and promotions, such as the *Crossroads of*
15 *Conflict, Georgia's Confederate Counties*, a commemorative poster of the Great Locomotive
16 Chase that was given to the school systems located in the counties where the event took
17 place, as well as the sesquicentennial showing of the Walt Disney Classic, *The Great*
18 *Locomotive Chase*; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it has provided educational symposiums around this state and has worked with
20 local communities on the establishment and erection of historical markers that promote
21 heritage tourism as well as educational information in Georgia communities; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Civil War Commission has sponsored legislation, proclamations,
23 and resolutions that have not only promoted heritage tourism but promoted Georgia's Civil
24 War heritage and legacy; and

25 WHEREAS, even during these hard economic times and with little funding, the Georgia
26 Civil War Commission continues to promote Georgia's Civil War heritage tourism during
27 the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States with a new logo, website, educational
28 forums, historical markers, and publications.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the members of the Georgia Civil War Commission for
31 their dedication and commitment to the citizens of the State of Georgia and congratulate
32 them on 20 years of service and promotion of Georgia's War Between the States heritage.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Civil War
35 Commission.