

House Resolution 518

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, and Dickson of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jeff Stancil; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jeff Stancil has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that he has played in making the Vann House on the Vann House Historic Site the "jewel
4 of the State Parks System"; and
- 5 WHEREAS, as a student of history, Jeff's deep personal commitment to preserving historical
6 sites in Georgia and helping them grow to attract visitors from across the country has made
7 him an exemplary model of diligence and ingenuity to the citizens of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his work in improving the historical sites of Georgia and creating new
11 attractions; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Jeff began working as a summer intern for the Parks and Historic Sites Division
13 in 1980, working at New Echota before he became a full-time ranger there the following
14 year; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he used his personal interest in all things Cherokee to help promote the site by
16 interpreting the story of this culture to New Echota visitors, initiating programs, and helping
17 the site to grow, and he became the manager of the Vann House Historic Site in 1998; and
- 18 WHEREAS, at the Vann House, he enhanced programs, saw the site more than double in
19 size, acquired and reconstructed a number of Cherokee buildings, scripted and performed in
20 an interpretive video for the site, built and furnished a museum, and established strong
21 relationships with all those groups with connections to the site, including the Eastern Band,
22 Cherokee Nation, Moravians, and the Vann Family; and

23 WHEREAS, Jeff's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
24 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his willingness to give of himself, even in times
25 of adversity, have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize Jeff Stancil for the vital role he has played in
28 maintaining and improving areas devoted to preserving this state's rich history, commend
29 him for his creativity and drive in overseeing improvements and new ideas brought to
30 fruition at these historic sites, and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jeff Stancil.