

Senate Resolution 679

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ronnie Phillips on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Phillips faithfully served the Georgia Department of Natural  
4 Resources and the North Georgia Mountains Authority from August 1, 1982, until April 30,  
5 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Phillips has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
7 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
8 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted 32 years of his time, talents, and  
10 energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his  
11 superlative service with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the North Georgia  
12 Mountains Authority; and

13 WHEREAS, he began his career at Unicoi State Park and served in positions ranging from  
14 park ranger, Craftsman, assistant park manager, and manager and is retiring as regional  
15 manager; and

16 WHEREAS, he was always regarded as being a tireless worker, serving in emergency  
17 capacities in the Flood of 1994, providing leadership in sensitive archaeology and cultural  
18 relations, achieving numerous awards for resource protection, and assisting state parks  
19 throughout Georgia, and is considered to be impeccable insofar as trustworthiness and  
20 faithful service; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was responsible for the project management of the Lake Blackshear  
22 Resort, Marina, and the Cyprus Grill, also located at Lake Blackshear; and

23 WHEREAS, he served in a P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement position for over 20 years and  
24 has been a member of the DNR Search and Rescue Team; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was DNR's leader in utilizing the Department of Corrections's  
26 detainee crews to accomplish multiple successful projects, saving the State of Georgia  
27 thousands of dollars; and

28 WHEREAS, Ronnie Phillips was instrumental in the successful development of the  
29 Brasstown Valley Resort, having been assigned to that site in 1989, and has continued to  
30 provide expert leadership in conservation, resource management, and as a model for  
31 public/private partnerships; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend Mr. Ronnie Phillips for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
36 service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement;  
37 and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ronnie Phillips.