

Senate Resolution 847

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Tolleson of the 20th, Jones of the 10th and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Authorizing the change of use of certain Heritage Preserve dedicated real property located
2 in Rockdale and Henry Counties; to repeal conflicting laws; to provide an effective date; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of certain parcels of real property located at
5 Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties; and

6 WHEREAS, 760± acres of Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties has
7 been dedicated as a Heritage Preserve; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources ("Department") initially requested a
9 change of use to the 760± acres of Heritage Preserve dedicated area of Panola Mountain
10 State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties in order to be able to provide public overnight
11 accommodations, facilities for Department staff, and a historical and cultural preservation
12 laboratory; and

13 WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing and receiving public comments, the
14 Department requested that the Board of Natural Resources ("Board") approve only the
15 change of use for facilities for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation
16 laboratory and not the change of use for public overnight accommodations; and

17 WHEREAS, the proposed change of use for facilities for Department staff and a historical
18 and cultural preservation laboratory has been approved by the Board.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of 760± acres of Heritage Preserve dedicated real property located at Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties and that the property is in the custody of the Department. The Department has requested and supports a change of use of said Heritage Preserve dedicated real property in order to be able to provide facilities for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory. In all matters related to the change of use, the State of Georgia is acting by and through the Department. Said change of use area is more particularly described as follows:

"Those approximately 760± acres in Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties dedicated as a Heritage Preserve by Executive Order of Governor Zell Miller on November 6, 1998. A map of said 760± acres of Heritage Preserve area is attached to the Executive Order as Exhibit A and is on file in the office of the State Properties Commission."

SECTION 2.

The Board, at its meeting on January 31, 2014, adopted a resolution recommending to the General Assembly that the above-described change of use for facilities for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory requested by the Department be approved.

SECTION 3.

That the proposed change of use for facilities for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory is in the public interest, and that the recommendation of the Board to change the use of the 760± acres of Heritage Preserve dedicated area in the Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties to allow the Department to provide facilities for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory is approved.

SECTION 4.

That the Department will file with the Office of the Secretary of State, the Office of the Rockdale County Clerk of the Superior and State Courts, and the Office of the Henry County Clerk of Superior Court a notice of the change in use of the Heritage Preserve dedicated area in the Panola Mountain State Park.

SECTION 5.

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the Department.

