

Senate Resolution 895

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the work of "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller"; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alton Russell is renowned as the prominent Cowboy Ambassador for  
4 entertaining and educating people of the Western pioneer tradition through cowboy history  
5 and storytelling; and

6 WHEREAS, this talented man celebrates the spirit of the old West by exploring the day to  
7 day life on the American frontier and the rigors of life faced on the lone prairie by our  
8 forefathers and foremothers who carved out a new life under adverse and uncertain  
9 conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller" combines, poetry, history, storytelling  
11 and the images of the silver screen to create and deliver education and entertainment of the  
12 old West and the frontier that lend shape, character, and substance to the events and people  
13 that are the spirit of the old West; and

14 WHEREAS, "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller" education and entertainment of the  
15 old West and frontier is both serious and humorous points of view of the pioneer's life and  
16 the life of the cowboys of the silver screen and through his passion of preserving our western  
17 heritage, he passes on the remembrance of the strength, the determination, the innovation,  
18 the freedom, and the culture of our pioneers; and

19 WHEREAS, his talent and commitment are evidenced by his membership in the Atlanta  
20 Country Music Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Society of Entertainers, a member of National Day  
21 of the Cowboy, The Southern Order of Storytellers, The National Storytelling Network, The  
22 Professional Storytellers, and charter member of the Columbus Storytelling Cluster; and

23 WHEREAS, the talents and passion of "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller," is an active  
24 member of the Los Pistoleros, stunt performance teams, to educate and entertain people with  
25 the western and frontier heritage through live performances; and

26 WHEREAS, "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller," has spent over 35 years promoting  
27 the cowboy way and travels throughout the southeastern United States as an ambassador of  
28 Georgia by appearing at the Atlanta Braves with Royal Rangers, Ft. Benning Georgia  
29 Frontier Days, Atlanta County Music Hall of Fame, Cowboy Showcase, Georgia Day of the  
30 Cowboy, Monroe County Extended Living Center, Magnolia Manor Assisted Living Center,  
31 Magnolia Manor Nursing Centers, Cowboy Theater Atlanta Society of Entertainers  
32 Columbus, Georgia Broadway Springfest, Columbus State University Storytelling  
33 Workshop, Cisco Corporation Family time picnic, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts  
34 events, Cub Scouts Gold and Blue Banquets, Folk Tales Muscogee County Schools, West  
35 Florida Royal Rangers Pow Wow, Georgia District Royal Rangers Pow Wow, Upson County  
36 School, Columbus Academy of Life Long Learning, Reynolds Plantation, Ritz Carlton  
37 Halloween Weekend, Stone Soup Storytelling Festival, South Carolina, Southern Order of  
38 Storytellers Festival, Ft. Benning Georgia Days, Amana Academy, Alpharetta, Saugahatchee  
39 Country Club; and

40 WHEREAS, "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller," has given unselfishly of his time and  
41 talent to perform his craft and encourage others to hone their talents, whether it be for  
42 schools, college campuses, hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens centers, health causes,  
43 or those less fortunate; and

44 WHEREAS, "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller," has always represented Georgia in  
45 a professional manner and has given his talent to the citizens of the state.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
47 commend "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale Teller," for his talents, outstanding commitment  
48 to his craft, and his remembrance of the western and Frontier heritage that fostered the ideals  
49 from which this country prospered.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
51 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to "Alton Russell, The Georgia Tale  
52 Teller," the Cowboy and Western Storyteller Ambassador.