

## House Resolution 295

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Carl Riggs for his noteworthy volunteer service to his community and the State  
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carl Riggs serves his community every day through his many volunteer  
4 activities and seeks to inspire others to volunteer for worthy causes as well; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a volunteer state leader in Trout Unlimited, where he works to conserve  
6 cold, clean water in North Georgia, a vital resource to the eco-tourism based economy of that  
7 region; and

8 WHEREAS, he serves as Chair of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, which is the  
9 highest Trout Unlimited position in Georgia, in which capacity he manages a board  
10 governing statewide activities and the efforts of 12 Georgia chapters of Trout Unlimited; and

11 WHEREAS, Carl has previously served as president of the Blue Ridge Chapter and the  
12 Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited; and

13 WHEREAS, he runs the Boy Scout fly fishing merit badge program, participates in stream  
14 cleanups, trout habitat restoration, youth education programs, and raises funds for the Blue  
15 Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and elsewhere around the state; and

16 WHEREAS, Carl raises funds each year for Georgia Casting for Recovery weekend fly  
17 fishing trips for breast cancer survivors, and he co-founded, with Peter Knutzen, and runs the  
18 Blue Ridge Project Healing Waters program, which provides an annual three-day, all  
19 expenses paid, fly fishing retreat for 12 to 15 wounded United States veterans and their  
20 spouses; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Carl Riggs is an elected elder at Faith  
22 Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge, and he is united and love and marriage to his wife, Doris;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Carl Riggs is a humble servant who strives to improve the lives of the people  
25 in his community and all the citizens of the State of Georgia, and this dedicated volunteer is  
26 deserving of the honor of this body.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Carl Riggs for his outstanding service to his community  
29 and the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Carl  
32 Riggs.