

## House Resolution 421

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 167<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Dedicating the Georgia Grown Trail: 301; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, South Georgia is one of the few areas remaining in the United States where  
3 there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations;  
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, the promotion of agri-tourism represents a readily available and effective tool  
6 for spurring economic development; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the portions of U.S. Highway 301 to be included in Georgia Grown Trail: 301  
8 wind through eight counties with miles of family owned farms, unique lodging, u-pick farms,  
9 farm stands, farm murals, hands-on educational farm experiences, farm to table restaurants  
10 and establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes and traditions, and time  
11 honored and progressive crops and farming techniques; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a group of concerned representatives from each county along U.S. Highway 301  
13 has met since March, 2014, with a mission to develop, preserve, and promote unique tourist  
14 destinations along the eight-county corridors; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Grown Highway 301 Association board of directors has a vision  
16 to create a unique, memorable driving experience and includes members of the Screven  
17 County Chamber of Commerce, Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Claxton/Evans  
18 County Chamber of Commerce, Glennville Chamber of Commerce, Long County Chamber  
19 of Commerce, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Brantley County Economic  
20 Development, and Charlton County Chamber and Economic Development; and
- 21 WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being  
22 through agri-tourism.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 301 beginning at the Georgia  
25 and South Carolina state line in Screven County through Bulloch, Evans, Tattnall, Long,  
26 Wayne, and Brantley counties to the Florida state line in Charlton County is dedicated as the  
27 Georgia Grown Trail: 301.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Georgia Grown Trail: 301.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 Department of Transportation.