

## House Resolution 1039

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Blue Ridge Trout Festival in Blue Ridge, Georgia, as the official trout  
2 fishing festival of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fannin County is the Trout Capital of Georgia because of its abundance and  
4 diversity of trout water, its year-round trout fishing season, its diversity of fish species and  
5 size, its proximity to other trout water, and its wide variety of lodging space; and

6 WHEREAS, places to fish in the Trout Capital include Toccoa River, above and below the  
7 DH; Toccoa Tailwater; Toccoa Watershed, including Cooper Creek Watershed, Rock Creek,  
8 and Noontootla; and the Cohuttas and Ellijay area, including Holly Creek, Bear Creek,  
9 Conasauga River, and Jacks River; and

10 WHEREAS, there is an abundance of places to fish near the Trout Capital, including  
11 Chattooga River, Dukes Creek, Amicalola DH, Nantahala, Hiawassee, and East Tennessee,  
12 including the Smokies, Holston River, and Watauga River; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia DNR stocks certain rivers in the Trout Capital with fish from state  
14 and federal hatcheries, creating a diversity in the waters of the Trout Capital; and

15 WHEREAS, motels, rental cabins, and camping, both rustic and RV, offer plenty of lodging;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, trout themed volunteer and charity projects in the Trout Capital include Project  
18 Healing Waters for injured veterans, Casting for Recovery for breast cancer surgery, Rivers  
19 Alive, which focuses on river cleanup, Fishing for Vets, which is a fishing day for veterans,  
20 Georgia Trout Camp, Trout Adventure Trail, Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge, Girl Scout  
21 Fishing Program, Family Fishing Days at Mercier's Orchard, and Hatchery Fishing Days for  
22 youth, veterans, seniors, special needs kids, and family.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize the Blue Ridge Trout Festival in Blue Ridge, Georgia,  
25 as the official trout fishing festival of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 public and the press.