

House Resolution 1399

By: Representatives Gasaway of the 28th, Powell of the 32nd, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Currahee Mountain and dedicating a parkway in its honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a historic natural landmark, Currahee Mountain is the first mountain in the
4 Appalachian Range and was designated the edge of the western frontier of America in 1784;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, "Currahee" is a Cherokee Indian word meaning "stands alone"; and

7 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain was the site chosen as the home of Camp Toccoa, the
8 World War II training camp for paratroopers; and

9 WHEREAS, beginning in 1942, Camp Toccoa was the training site for more than 17,000
10 paratroopers from the 501st, 506th, 511th, and 517th parachute infantry divisions; and

11 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain served as a backdrop for films, documentaries, and books
12 about the 6,000 "Toccoa Men" who successfully completed paratrooper training, including
13 *Band of Brothers*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *The Dirty Dozen*; and

14 WHEREAS, "Currahee" was the battle cry for the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and

15 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain is home of the legendary "3 miles up, 3 miles down"
16 training run; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a parkway be dedicated to honor the rich
18 history and tradition of this location.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 17 from the intersection with

21 Interstate 85 to the intersection with Interstate 985 in Stephens, Franklin, and Habersham
22 counties is dedicated as the Currahee Parkway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Currahee Parkway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 Department of Transportation.