

Senate Resolution 1264

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Foxfire program on its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Foxfire program of Rabun County was founded in 1966 and has created and
3 developed unique teaching and learning opportunities for students, teachers, and the
4 community for 50 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Foxfire program allowed students to gain academic skills to produce 194
6 magazines utilizing its original mission: meeting local curriculum mandates, students helping
7 make key decisions, and focusing on recording and preserving the Appalachian culture,
8 heritage, and language; and
- 9 WHEREAS, 327 Foxfire students have earned more than \$957,000 in scholarships since the
10 program's inception and more than 500 students have participated in the program's summer
11 jobs program, preserving and keeping Foxfire properties and publishing skills for the
12 classroom; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Foxfire students have learned how to become engaged in a personal and vital
14 confrontation with their own heritage; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center houses a collection of historic log
16 cabins and artifacts and hosts thousands of students, community members, and visitors each
17 year to preserve and showcase Appalachian culture; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Foxfire Community Board advises, supports, and helps implement programs
19 throughout Rabun County; and
- 20 WHEREAS, for 15 years, the program sponsored teacher-training programs, creating
21 community-focused learning environments and, in 2003 and 2006, respectfully, Foxfire

22 partnered with Piedmont College and the University of Georgia to continue the program for
23 teachers; and

24 WHEREAS, such incredible accomplishments are worthy of recognition and honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the Foxfire program for its 50 years of outstanding accomplishments in educating
27 its students, serving the community, and preserving and recording Appalachian heritage,
28 culture, and language.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Foxfire
31 program.