

House Resolution 82

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st, Ehrhart of the 36th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Shaw of the 176th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 30, 2017, as Golf Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia is one of the largest golf states in the country with more than 110 golf
3 communities and golf is a key industry contributing to the vitality of Georgia's economy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 2009, Georgia's direct golf economy was approximately \$2.4 billion,
5 generating a total economic impact of \$5.1 billion and creating nearly 57,000 jobs with \$1.5
6 billion of wage income; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has 401 golf courses and 35 ranges, which have generated
8 \$936.4 billion worth of revenue and match the combined total revenue generated by all other
9 major spectator sports; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the golf industry has led to an increase in tourism in Georgia due to the many
11 championships that have been hosted by the state, including the Masters and the PGA Tour
12 Championships, and even spurred \$480.7 million of golf related tourism spending in 2009;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, such events have generated a net revenue of \$35.8 million and state golf
15 associations have generated \$11.6 million; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the sport of golf has also benefited the Georgia community by hosting
17 numerous charity events on golf courses each year, and many nonprofit organizations in
18 Georgia, such as the First Tee program, introduce Georgia youths to the game and values of
19 golf; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the total amount of charitable giving attributed to the game of golf in Georgia
21 approached \$56.2 million in 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the golf industry helps to protect Georgia's environment by implementing
23 irrigation systems and preserving natural, unmowed areas on the courses; and

24 WHEREAS, the game of golf is a tremendous asset to the State of Georgia, favorably
25 impacting quality of life and tourism, and strengthening this state's position as a great place
26 to live and do business.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in recognizing January 30, 2017, as Golf Day in Georgia.

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