

Senate Resolution 503

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Williams of the 39th, Jordan of the 6th, Harrell of the 40th, Karinshak of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commemorating the AJC Peachtree Road Race; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, July 4, 2019, will mark the 50th Running of the AJC Peachtree Road Race
3 hosted annually in Atlanta by Atlanta Track Club since 1970; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this milestone running will highlight the history, legacy and people of the
5 largest road race in the United States of America and largest 10K running event in the world;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, 60,000 runners and walkers and more than 100,000 spectators will spend the
8 morning of the Fourth of July celebrating health and fitness, family, the City of Atlanta, State
9 of Georgia and the United States of America; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the AJC Peachtree Road Race began as a 110 person event and has grown into
11 one of the most well-known running events in the world with close to two million finishers
12 over the course of five decades, inspiring entire generations to run and walk; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the organizers of the AJC Peachtree Road Race, Atlanta Track Club, a 501c(3)
14 not-for-profit have a stated mission of creating a healthier, more active Atlanta through
15 running and walking; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Atlanta Track Club has embarked on that mission by keeping the AJC Peachtree
17 Road Race and its more than 40 annual events and programs accessible and affordable,
18 created free youth running curriculum, and offered a series of free summer track and field
19 meets; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Atlanta Track Club has invested in the running infrastructure of Atlanta with
21 projects like the refurbishment of Cheney Stadium and preservation of Piedmont Park; and

22 WHEREAS, the 50th Running of the AJC Peachtree Road Race will bring participants from
23 all 50 states and more than two dozen countries to experience the hospitality, diversity and
24 beauty of the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, thanks to Atlanta Track Club's partnerships with Atlanta's top employers, all
26 participants will cross the finish line with positive perceptions of the companies that drive
27 Georgia's economic engine; and

28 WHEREAS, invaluable collaborations between Atlanta Track Club, the City of Atlanta and
29 its many agencies, MARTA, and local, state and federal emergency management operations
30 keep the AJC Peachtree Road Race safe and efficient; and

31 WHEREAS, the AJC Peachtree Road Race will continue to be an iconic Atlanta Fourth of
32 July tradition for decades to come; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to host the AJC Peachtree Road Race each Fourth
34 of July.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Atlanta Track Club and celebrate the 2019 AJC Peachtree Road Race.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Atlanta Track
39 Club.