

House Resolution 1201

By: Representatives Evans of the 83rd, Carter of the 92nd, Henson of the 86th, Oliver of the 82nd, Stephenson of the 90th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Ed McBrayer for his 29 years of service at the Path Foundation and celebrating the
2 20 year anniversary of the DeKalb County Master Trail Plan; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, in 1999, DeKalb County hired PATH to create a greenway trail master plan; the
4 inspired result was a more than 40 mile network of trails that stitched the many corners of
5 the county into a quilt of green trails and recreation opportunities; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the plan was cheered by a unanimous vote of support by the County
7 Commission in January 2000; and
- 8 WHEREAS, led by Jim Cox Kennedy, the PATH Foundation raised private money to match
9 public funds, starting with the Stone Mountain to Atlanta trail; and
- 10 WHEREAS, PATH's partnership with DeKalb County brought a knowledgeable staff to plan,
11 design, build, and maintain trail projects; each section of trail from Rockdale County to the
12 City of Atlanta, Brookhaven to Dunwoody, and Clairmont and Druid Hills to the South River
13 Trail and Sugar Creek Golf Course links together public and private, biker and hiker, and
14 fellow neighbors; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the resulting bridges, tunnels, boardwalk, and firm footed trails offer
16 exhilarating views and up close encounters with the beauty and variety of DeKalb County
17 and its people; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the over 250 miles of PATH trails in Georgia enhance community spirit, bring
19 neighborhoods together, and are an important catalyst for clean economic development in
20 the communities they serve; and
- 21 WHEREAS, whether trail users are walking, riding, skating, or rollerblading, they are on
22 their way to a healthier lifestyle; and

23 WHEREAS, thousands of people use PATH trails from dawn to dusk every day; when more
24 people are outside and keeping an eye on their neighborhoods, perpetrators are less likely to
25 commit crimes; and

26 WHEREAS, property next to a greenway trail is valued higher than nearby properties as
27 trails preserve open space and help create cohesive neighborhoods; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 extraordinary partnership be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor Ed McBrayer for his 29 years of service at the PATH
32 Foundation and celebrate the 20 year anniversary of the DeKalb County Master Trail Plan.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 PATH Foundation.