

## House Resolution 1201

By: Representatives Evans of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, 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.