

Senate Resolution 438

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Harper of the 7th, Anderson of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the BBQ Dudes of Burnt Hickory; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the BBQ Dudes of Burnt Hickory are a group of gentlemen in the North
3 Paulding community who have hosted around 100 BBQ benefits for men, women, and
4 children with incurable diseases over the past 14 years; and

5 WHEREAS, the organization was founded by Grady Ruff, Sonny Black, and Ben "Bimbo"
6 Barron, who wanted to help a local resident suffering from cancer with his expenses; and

7 WHEREAS, on a suggestion from his wife, Sarah, Grady and his friends decided to hold a
8 barbeque with additional help from Sype Thomason, Danny McPherson, Clinton Yarbrough,
9 Alton Pope, Cathy Barron, Tobar Ruff, Tony Black, Mike Jones, Kenny Ruff, Ivy Pointer,
10 Mike Banks, Danny Corley, Aaron Davis, and Steve Black; and

11 WHEREAS, ever since, this organization has been committed to helping families pay their
12 medical bills and get by during tough times through their fundraisers; and

13 WHEREAS, these outstanding citizens have had a tremendous impact on their community
14 through their spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the North Paulding
15 area; and

16 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has established a glowing reputation of renown
17 throughout Georgia for its dedication to philanthropy; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
19 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend the BBQ Dudes of Burnt Hickory for their many wonderful contributions on
22 behalf of those in need and extend sincere best wishes for many more years of delicious
23 barbeque and prosperous fundraising.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the BBQ Dudes
26 of Burnt Hickory.