

House Resolution 373

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, and Frye of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the University of Georgia Block and Bridle Club on the
2 occasion of its 50th Great Southland Stampede Rodeo; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the first Great Southland Stampede Rodeo occurred in 1974 in the Stegeman
4 Coliseum on the campus of the University of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the financial needs of the University of Georgia livestock judging team were
6 far greater than the funds available or historically fund-raised for the student team members;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, members of the livestock judging team put their trucks, washing machines, and
9 personal property up for collateral to fund the first rodeo, which proved to be an immense
10 success and the start of a time-honored campus tradition; and

11 WHEREAS, students involved in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
12 have since hosted the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo annually with leadership,
13 determination, work ethic, and exceptional character; and

14 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo is the largest student-run rodeo in the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo has provided thousands of members of
17 the University of Georgia and the Greater Athens community with the opportunity to
18 experience livestock, a rodeo, and an agricultural experience in a family-friendly
19 environment; and

20 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo has given back thousands of dollars to
21 worthwhile charities and student organizations and has annually provided local elementary
22 school students with a special rodeo event; and

23 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo and its continued success for 50 years
24 represent a tradition of excellence among current and past students involved in the Block and
25 Bridle Club and livestock programs at the University of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of the
27 remarkable Great Southland Stampede Rodeo be recognized appropriately on its 50th
28 anniversary.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the student leaders of the University of
31 Georgia Block and Bridle Club and Great Southland Stampede Rodeo and extend their most
32 sincere best wishes for continued prosperity, leadership, and impact on the University of
33 Georgia, this state, and our nation in the Rodeo's next 50 years.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 University of Georgia Block and Bridle Club.