

House Resolution 121 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, and Dickey of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. John W. Nixon and dedicating a building in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Nixon has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon began his career as a conservation stalwart in 1961 as a forest
7 technician with the Georgia Forestry Commission and served as the head of the commission's
8 nationally recognized Urban Forestry Program; and

9 WHEREAS, he worked to accelerate wood energy promotions by conducting demonstrations
10 at public schools, prisons, hospitals, and other institutions to show how wood materials could
11 replace expensive fuels; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon was named commissioner of the Georgia Forestry Commission in
13 1983 and during his tenure as commissioner he oversaw great conservation efforts, including
14 a record number of trees planted in a single season with 433,000 acres of pine trees and the

15 establishment of the Flint River Nursery which was designed to produce 50 million
16 seedlings; and

17 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental in the passage of numerous laws relating to
18 forest conservation, including laws that required a permit for outdoor burning and provided
19 for prescribed burning for forest management; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
21 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
22 dedicating a building in his honor.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Georgia Forestry Commission building located in Dry
25 Branch, Georgia, is dedicated as the John W. Mixon Georgia Forestry Building.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Forestry Commission is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John W. Mixon Georgia
28 Forestry Building to be funded from the budget of the Georgia Forestry Commission.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Georgia Forestry Commission and Mr. John W. Mixon.