

Senate Resolution 377

By: Senator Hatchett of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Rabun County as the Waterfall Capital of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Rabun County, Georgia, located in the Northeast corner of the state, consists
3 of over 240,000 acres, most of which are public lands owned by the United States Forest
4 Service and the Georgia Power Company; and
- 5 WHEREAS, these thousands of professionally managed acres consist mostly of mountains
6 and watersheds that lend themselves to the formation of abundant waterfalls; and
- 7 WHEREAS, there are approximately 120 waterfalls in Rabun County including Mud Creek,
8 Hemlock, Minnehaha, Dicks Creek, Martin Creek, Holcomb Creek, and others—more than
9 double the number of waterfalls in any other county in the Peach State; and
- 10 WHEREAS, these waterfalls provide recreation and enjoyment for citizens of not only
11 Rabun County but also all citizens of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, part of the enjoyment of these waterfalls is known as the "Waterfall Effect,"
13 which occurs when water collides with itself and releases negative ions into the air that are
14 believed to relieve stress, aid sleep, and increase energy in humans; and

15 WHEREAS, Rabun County's waterfalls have attracted thousands of onlookers from all over
16 the United States and created a culture of hiking and other outdoor activities that has
17 spawned outfitters and other businesses that provide tours, equipment, and clothing; and

18 WHEREAS, these businesses provide "green" economic activity that generates jobs and
19 strengthens the overall economy of Rabun County and all of North Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize Rabun County as the Waterfall Capital of Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
24 press.