

Senate Resolution 519

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th, Mangham of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the South River Watershed Alliance upon the grand occasion
2 of its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the South River Watershed Alliance is the only organization protecting the
4 South River; and

5 WHEREAS, the South River is a headwater to Georgia's largest freshwater system, that feeds
6 into the Atlantic Ocean on Georgia's coast; and

7 WHEREAS, the South River flows southeastwardly for 60 miles from metro Atlanta to
8 Jackson Lake, where it becomes the Ocmulgee; and

9 WHEREAS, the South River watershed drains approximately 544 square miles of creeks and
10 streams across sections of Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Henry, Rockdale, Newton, and Butts
11 Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, cleaner water requires increased awareness, collective advocacy, stronger
13 protection, and management of rivers as a valuable natural resource; and

14 WHEREAS, as metro Atlanta booms with development, the South River continues to flow
15 from the earth - undervalued and insufficiently protected; and

16 WHEREAS, the South River Watershed Alliance is committed to ecological restoration of
17 the South River for the benefit of nature and people; and

18 WHEREAS, the South River Watershed Alliance's mission is to elevate water as a resource,
19 boost awareness and advocacy, make recreation accessible; and restore the South River; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the 25th anniversary of this outstanding
21 alliance is appropriately honored.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend the South River Watershed Alliance's indelible impact on the South
24 River and the water systems of Georgia, congratulate it upon 25 years of advocacy, and
25 extend sincere best wishes for its continued growth and development.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the South River
28 Watershed Alliance.