

House Resolution 1759

By: Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Meeks of the 178th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Division of
2 State Parks & Historic Sites; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks &
4 Historic Sites manages the preservation of more than 60 properties across the state, including
5 mountains, canyons, forests, waterfalls, lakes, battlefields, historic homes, Native American
6 sites, and more; and

7 WHEREAS, through these locations, the division maintains important habitats for plants and
8 animals, provides the citizens of Georgia with places to enjoy the outdoors, and protects
9 historic sites where future generations can learn about the past; and

10 WHEREAS, the division continued to demonstrate its commitment to this state in 2025
11 through the efforts of its exemplary staff and volunteers, all of whom dedicated innumerable
12 hours of their time and energy across numerous operations; and

13 WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene presented one of the most significant weather-related
14 challenges in the division's history, causing immense damage within five of the division's six
15 regions and stranding many Georgians without access to power and emergency services; and

16 WHEREAS, in response to this unprecedented natural disaster, a total of 118 park rangers
17 contributed more than 6,600 work hours to clear debris, assess damage, and assist with
18 emergency operations, and many division sites worked through this recovery phase without
19 running water or power for extended periods of time; and

20 WHEREAS, the division has further expended efforts over the past year to improve the
21 visitor experience at its sites by resolving areas of noncompliance with ADA standards and
22 implementing electronic Park Pass sales, eliminating the need for guests to leave their vehicle
23 or visit a kiosk to begin their activities and hikes; and

24 WHEREAS, the golf courses managed by the division continue to exceed previous years in
25 both revenue generated and number of rounds played, earning numerous awards and top
26 rankings in recognition of their excellence; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable division be appropriately
28 honored during this special time.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Department of Natural
31 Resources' Division of State Parks & Historic Sites and extend best wishes for many more
32 years of successful operation.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks & Historic Sites.