

Senate Resolution 852

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th, VanNess of the 43rd and Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the South River Watershed Alliance; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the South River Water Trail plans to make a hiking trail on water that will
3 provide access points for canoeing, kayaking, paddling, picnicking, and bird watching, which
4 will open the door for people to enjoy scarce, valuable, and underutilized natural amenities;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, there will be educational, scenic, cultural, and historic sites along or in close
7 proximity to the South River, and greater use and enjoyment of the river will ensure a healthy
8 future for the surrounding ecosystem; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the South River will become part of the outdoor recreation industry, and this
10 will create community revitalization because it will increase tourism, expand the local
11 economy, and increase the value of real estate property along the river; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the South River Water Trail will extend 46 miles along the South River with
13 four potential access or take-out points; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in Georgia alone, more than \$23 million are spent on outdoor recreation, and
15 the South River Water Trail would become a part of the outdoor recreation industry that
16 provides 6.1 million jobs in the United States, \$39.9 billion in federal tax revenue, and \$39.7
17 billion in state and local tax revenue.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize the South River Watershed Alliance for its dedicated public service to the State of
20 Georgia.

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