

House Resolution 1483

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th, LaHood of the 175th, and Willard of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Richard Barrett for setting the new state record for largest
2 blue catfish caught on the Altamaha River; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richard Barrett is from Axson, Georgia, and his catfish catch on October 14,
4 2017, beat the previous state record for largest blue catfish caught on the Altamaha River by
5 more than 12 pounds; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard chose to use a live channel catfish that he and his team had caught
7 earlier in the day as bait; and

8 WHEREAS, his catch weighed 93 pounds, which far outweighed the previous record of 80
9 pounds and four ounces; and

10 WHEREAS, Tim Bonvechio, a fisheries biologist at the Wildlife Resources Division of the
11 Georgia Department of Natural Resources, aged the fish at 14 years old, which indicated a
12 good growth rate; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard's catch marked the first state record to be set in 2017, thereby inspiring
14 new and experienced anglers alike to get outdoors and try their hand at fishing; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Richard Barrett's new fishing record and
16 the great fishing opportunities that the State of Georgia has to offer its citizens be
17 appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize and commend Richard Barrett for setting the new state
20 record for largest blue catfish caught on the Altamaha River.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
23 Richard Barrett.