

House Resolution 230

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary, honoring the  
2 life and memory of Craig Cylkie, and inviting the Cylkie family to be recognized by the  
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary has long been recognized for its  
5 staff's tireless efforts in all seasons to protect and tend to Georgia's injured and endangered  
6 indigenous wildlife, often with selfless sacrifice and dedication; and

7 WHEREAS, the sanctuary is home to a wide variety of rescued, injured, and rehabilitating  
8 indigenous wildlife, including bear, deer, fox, birds of prey, bobcat, and the North American  
9 panther; and

10 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources compliant sanctuary acts as the go-to  
11 facility for these functions in Georgia and in other neighboring states; and

12 WHEREAS, a strong volunteer network supports the facility, including two veterinary  
13 practices on call who often provide their services and medical attention at their own expense,  
14 and Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary depends on donated funds, supplier  
15 accommodation, and partnerships to acquire feed, hay, and straw; and

16 WHEREAS, since the tragic death of co-founder Craig "Grizzly" Cylkie, his wife Debbie,  
17 his father Ed, and his son John have been instrumental in their management and maintenance  
18 of the sanctuary, providing supplemental funding and selfless service; and

19 WHEREAS, Craig Cylkie was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
20 reputation for integrity, intelligence, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life,  
21 he made this world a better place for both humans and animals; and

22 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his love and devotion to all living creatures, and  
23 this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed by all who had the great privilege of  
24 knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize the Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary for its  
27 devoted service to the indigenous animals of the State of Georgia, join in honoring the life  
28 and memory of Craig Cylkie, a man dedicated to protecting injured and endangered wildlife,  
29 and invite the Cylkie family to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and  
30 time designated by the Speaker of the House.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Ellijay Wildlife  
33 Rehabilitation Sanctuary.