

House Resolution 327

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Tumbling Waters Society and congratulating it on the occasion of the 25th
2 anniversary of Art in the Park Festival; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, September, 2015, will mark the 25th anniversary of Art in the Park Festival,
4 which is coordinated by the Tumbling Waters Society at Hurricane Shoals Park; and

5 WHEREAS, the initial directors of the Tumbling Waters Society are Sally Allen, Pat Bell,
6 Tom Bryan, Joyce Ethridge, Claude Fullerton, Colin Kelly, A.W. Riddle, Henry Robinson,
7 Charles Sims, Sumner Smith, Carolyn Towns, and S.L. Wellborn; and

8 WHEREAS, the society has been organized exclusively for the purpose of assessing and
9 preserving the historical nature of the Hurricane Shoals area; and

10 WHEREAS, the Tumbling Waters Society is operated for religious, charitable, scientific,
11 literary, educational, and related purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, the history of the Hurricane Shoals area is well documented in Frary Elrod's
13 "Historical Notes of Jackson County, Georgia," in the probate judge's office, on the granite
14 marker located at Hurricane Shoals property, and in various places within the Crawford
15 W. Long Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1962, representatives from four industries in the county jointly purchased this
17 tract of land from Georgia Power Company, which was then donated to Jackson County and
18 cleaned up to be dedicated as a public county park in 1979; and

19 WHEREAS, a group of volunteers, consisting primarily of retired citizens, constructed an
20 amphitheater and a gristmill on the site of the old power plant; the project was completed in
21 1985, and the group named itself the Tumbling Waters Society; and

22 WHEREAS, after staging several drama productions, the group began the successful Art in
23 the Park Festival in 1990.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the Tumbling Waters Society for its service of
26 preserving history and nature in Hurricane Shoals Park and congratulate the society on the
27 occasion of the 25th anniversary of Art in the Park Festival.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Tumbling Waters Society.