

House Resolution 554

By: Representative Carson of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Trail Life USA, Trail Life in Georgia, and American Heritage
2 Girls; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Trail Life USA partners with churches to provide a Christ-centered outdoor
4 adventure with an emphasis on character development and leadership to boys and young men
5 in 49 states and connects boys with friends, dads, and godly mentors in a safe,
6 unapologetically Christian environment; and

7 WHEREAS, the organization's mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to
8 honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure; and

9 WHEREAS, its motto is to walk worthy and is inspired by Colossians 1:10; its oath states,
10 "On my honor, I will do my best to serve God and my country; to respect authority; to be
11 a good steward of creation; and to treat others as I want to be treated"; and

12 WHEREAS, Trail Life USA's robust awards program culminates with the esteemed Freedom
13 Award, which is already gaining recognition with Christian colleges and universities as a
14 symbol of high character, leadership experience, and skills; and

15 WHEREAS, there are more than 26,000 trailmen and 680 troops in the United States,
16 including 2,176 trailmen and 34 troops, with eight troops in Georgia and 93 nationally in the
17 process of chartering; and

18 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2015, American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA signed a
19 Memorandum of Ministry Alliance, the highest form of relationship for each organization,
20 and it was approved by both boards; and

21 WHEREAS, American Heritage Girls have 45,309 national members in all 50 states, 1,017
22 troops nationally, 1,820 members in Georgia, and 38 troops in the State of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, the two organizations are using the parallel components of their programs and
24 missions to pursue positive character development in our nation's youth, and by sharing
25 skills, talents, knowledge, and common goals, both groups will be able to empower and
26 support their respective memberships to accomplish great things in our communities while
27 growing God's loving citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA actively support one another in
29 their shared missions for spiritual and character development of youth through
30 Christ-centered programming.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body honor and commend Trail Life USA, Trail Life in Georgia, and
33 American Heritage Girls for their tireless efforts in shaping the youth in Georgia and the
34 United States and wish them continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Trail
37 Life USA, Trail Life in Georgia, and American Heritage Girls.