

Senate Resolution 193

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Randolph Historical Society and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission is a state agency of Alabama and  
4 Georgia, created by an interstate compact approved by both states and the United States  
5 Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has served the heritage tourism  
7 interests of the 18 counties in the Chattahoochee Trace region for 45 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission's program of work has been recognized  
9 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and others as a model heritage tourism entity;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the work of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission for more than four decades  
12 has resulted in the erection of over 300 historical markers and the publication of almost three  
13 dozen titles on a variety of subjects; and

14 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has developed partnerships with  
15 historical and preservation organizations as well as chambers of commerce and convention  
16 and visitors bureaus which have attracted millions of visitors to the lower Chattahoochee  
17 Valley to see this area's historic and outdoor recreational assets; and

18 WHEREAS, these visitors have generated hundreds of millions of tourism dollars for this  
19 region, supporting the area tax base and providing greatly needed jobs; and

20 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has provided advice and assistance to  
21 hundreds of area residents with questions regarding area history, the restoration of historic

22 residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, and the development and printing of  
23 promotional materials for cities, counties, and individual attractions; and

24 WHEREAS, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has been working for several years to  
25 have the Chattahoochee Trace region of Alabama and Georgia designated as a National  
26 Heritage Area by the United States Department of the Interior; and

27 WHEREAS, funding issues in recent years have diminished the Historic Chattahoochee  
28 Commission's ability to effectively carry out its innovative heritage tourism program of work  
29 while maintaining offices in Eufaula, Alabama, and LaGrange, Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend the Randolph Historical Society for recognizing the great value of the Historic  
32 Chattahoochee Commission's program of work; recognize the Randolph Historical Society's  
33 commitment to assisting the Historic Chattahoochee Commission in any way possible to  
34 secure necessary funding so that the Commission can remain an effective force in developing  
35 this region's full potential for heritage tourism while developing and showcasing its many  
36 historic, scenic, and recreational assets; and encourage its legislative delegation and others  
37 to support its funding needs during this session of the Georgia General Assembly.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Senator Freddie  
40 Powell Sims, Representative Gerald Greene, Historic Chattahoochee Commission Chairman  
41 Peter Bowden, Historic Chattahoochee Commission Vice Chairman Jay Langdale, the  
42 *Cuthbert Southern Tribune*, and the *Citizen's News*, who have an interest in seeing the  
43 Commission maintain its leadership role in marketing the Chattahoochee Trace as a tourism  
44 destination for area visitors and residents.