

Senate Resolution 290

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Dedicating the Appalachian Parkway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, White County in Northeast Georgia is geographically considered part of the
3 Appalachian mountain range; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the cities of Cleveland and Helen in White County have promoted Cleveland
5 as the gateway to the Appalachian mountain range for more than 20 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail runs through White County and provides access to
7 Cleveland and Helen; and
- 8 WHEREAS, White County was designated as an official "Appalachian Trail Community"
9 in 2012 by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, White County is well known for its Appalachian folk potter face jugs and is
11 home to famous folk potter families including the Meaders, Hewell, Dorsey, and Ferguson
12 families; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the county is home to the Sautee Nacoochee Center, which includes an
14 American Heritage site featuring 19th century Appalachian artifacts which is used as an
15 American Appalachia teaching exhibit; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Cleveland and Helen in White County are well known in the field of
17 Appalachian heritage arts, promoting and developing educational programs to keep the
18 Appalachia visual and performing arts alive; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Cleveland is home to Xavier Roberts, founder of Original Appalachian
20 Artworks, where his Appalachian, handcrafted Little People heirloom dolls, now known as
21 Cabbage Patch Kids, were created; and

22 WHEREAS, White County has been designated as part of Appalachia by the federal
23 government and is eligible for grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of new Cleveland Bypass from SR11/US129
26 at Donald E. Thurmond Drive extending northwest to SR11/US129 at Hulsey Road is
27 dedicated as the Appalachian Parkway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Appalachian Parkway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
32 Transportation.