

Senate Resolution 690

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd and Harper of the 7th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and other entities to support  
2 implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is a proposed 155 mile trail linking Savannah  
4 to St. Mary's as part of a comprehensive system of bicycle and pedestrian trails along the east  
5 coast of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the trails would traverse parts of six coastal counties in Georgia, providing  
7 numerous benefits not only to those counties but also the entire state; and

8 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the economic, health, recreational, and environmental  
9 benefits of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

10 WHEREAS, various funding and technical hurdles must be addressed to ensure the timely  
11 and proper construction of the Coastal Georgia Greenway for the enjoyment of the citizens  
12 of this state and its guests.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 GEORGIA that the members of this body encourage the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust  
15 Fund as well as other state entities to assist in the funding of the Coastal Georgia Greenway  
16 in collaboration with Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

18 (1) The General Assembly is encouraged to make annual appropriations over the next  
19 ten years to support the implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

20 (2) State governmental authorities and the Coastal Regional Commission are encouraged  
21 to work with local governments to secure funding from the public and private sectors for  
22 the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

23 (3) The Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources are  
24 encouraged to identify on an annual basis any funding sources that could be used to  
25 support the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

26 (4) The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund is encouraged to allocate at least \$3  
27 million annually to support the implementation and construction of the Coastal Georgia  
28 Greenway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Coastal  
31 Regional Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural  
32 Resources, and the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.