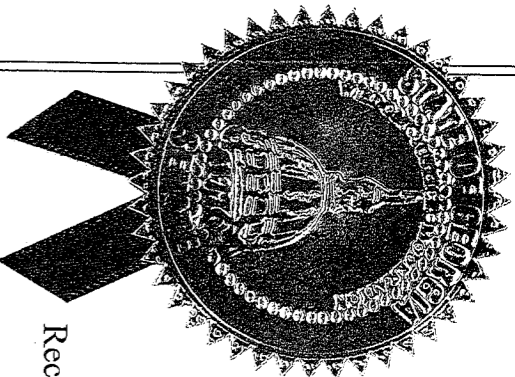




A RESOLUTION



Recognizing the South River Watershed Alliance; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the South River Water Trail plans to make a hiking trail on water that will provide access points for canoeing, kayaking, paddling, picnicking, and bird watching, which will open the door for people to enjoy scarce, valuable, and underutilized natural amenities; and

WHEREAS, there will be educational, scenic, cultural, and historic sites along or in close proximity to the South River, and greater use and enjoyment of the river will ensure a healthy future for the surrounding ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the South River will become part of the outdoor recreation industry, and this will create community revitalization because it will increase tourism, expand the local economy, and increase the value of real estate property along the river; and

WHEREAS, the South River Water Trail will extend 46 miles along the South River with four potential access or take-out points; and

WHEREAS, in Georgia alone, more than \$23 million are spent on outdoor recreation, and the South River Water Trail would become a part of the outdoor recreation industry that provides 6.1 million jobs in the United States, \$39.9 billion in federal tax revenue, and \$39.7 billion in state and local tax revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body recognize the South River Watershed Alliance for its dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the South River Watershed Alliance.

Senate Resolution 852

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th, VanNess of the 43rd and Millar of the 40th

Adopted in the Senate February 01, 2016

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