

House Resolution 774

By: Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Gambill of the 15th, Byrd of the 20th, Rhodes of the 124th, and Ridley of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Steve Hadley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Steve Hadley on November 29, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Steve Hadley was born on on January 25, 1955, to John Herbert Hadley and
5 Betty Rose Hadley in Salisbury, North Carolina; and
- 6 WHEREAS, fondly known as "Ranger Steve," he dedicated his life to Georgia state parks
7 and historic sites as a park ranger; and
- 8 WHEREAS, for 30 years, Ranger Steve inspired hundreds of thousands of visitors of all
9 ages. He offered guided hikes, live animal programs, wilderness survival skills, team
10 building, high ropes course tours, guided paddling, environmental education, living history,
11 black powder demonstrations, pioneer skills, and campfire programs, and he created many
12 other recreational opportunities for those exploring the outdoors; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
14 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
15 made this world a better place in which to live; and

16 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Steve Hadley will long be remembered for
17 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
18 fortune of knowing him.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Steve Hadley and express
21 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 family of Steve Hadley.