

Senate Resolution 609

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Princess Trahlyta and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cherokee legend tells of a woman named Trahlyta who lived in the North
4 Georgia mountains near present day Dahlonega; and

5 WHEREAS, legend has it that the people of Trahlyta's tribe believed the secret of eternal
6 youth came from the magic springs of the mountain, now known as Porter Springs; and

7 WHEREAS, Trahlyta supposedly drank from the magic springs, which helped her maintain
8 her renowned youthful beauty; and

9 WHEREAS, Trahlyta was kidnapped and imprisoned by a rejected suitor, Wahsega, who
10 took her far away from her family, people, and the springs, where she grew weak and died;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Trahlyta's dying wish was to be buried in the beautiful mountain forests of her
13 homeland and Wahsega stayed true to his promise and returned her to her native land and the
14 magic springs; and

15 WHEREAS, she was buried near what is now the intersection of State Route 60, State
16 Route 9, and U.S. Highway 19, known as Stone Pile Gap north of Dahlonega, Georgia, in
17 Lumpkin County; and

18 WHEREAS, traditionally, those passing by Trahlyta's grave leave small stones for good
19 fortune; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this legendary and distinguished
21 Cherokee princess of North Georgia be appropriately recognized by dedicating a roundabout
22 in her memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout of State Route 60, State Route 9, and U.S.
25 Highway 19 in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Circle of Princess Trahlyta at Stone Pile
26 Gap.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Circle of Princess Trahlyta
29 at Stone Pile Gap.

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.