

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2024

Act 708

Senate Resolution 609

Effective May 6, 2024

CIRCLE OF PRINCESS TRAHLYTA AT STONE PILE GAP — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the roundabout at SR-60, SR-9, and US-19 in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Circle of Princess Trahlyta at Stone Pile Gap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

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