

110TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 219

Recognizing the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Congress authorized the creation of Lake Sidney Lanier and the Buford Dam in 1946 for flood control, power production, wildlife preservation, and downstream navigation;

Whereas construction on the Buford Dam project by the Army Corps of Engineers began in 1951;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers constructed the dam and lake on the Chattahoochee and Chestatee Rivers at a cost of approximately \$45,000,000;

Whereas, in 1956, Jack Beachem and the Army Corps of Engineers signed a lease to create Holiday on Lake Sidney Lanier Marina as the lake's first concessionaire;

Whereas the first power produced through Buford Dam at Lake Sidney Lanier was produced on June 16, 1957;

Whereas Holiday on Lake Sidney Lanier opened on July 4, 1957;

Whereas Buford Dam was officially dedicated on October 9, 1957;

Whereas nearly 225,000 people visited Lake Sidney Lanier to boat, fish, and recreate in 1957;

Whereas today more than 8,000,000 visitors each year enjoy the attributes and assets of Lake Sidney Lanier to boat, fish, swim, camp, and otherwise recreate in the great outdoors;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier generates more than \$5,000,000,000 in revenues annually, according to a study commissioned by the Marine Trade Association of Metropolitan Atlanta;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier has won the prestigious Chief of Engineers Annual Project of the Year Award, the highest recognition from the Army Corps of Engineers for outstanding management, an unprecedented 3 times in 12 years (in 1990, 1997, and 2002);

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier hosted the paddling and rowing events for the Summer Games of the XXVI Olympiad held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996;

Whereas marinas serve as the gateway to recreation for the public on America's waterways;

Whereas Lake Sidney Lanier will join the Nation on Saturday, August 11, in celebration and commemoration of National Marina Day; and

Whereas 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of Lake Sidney Lanier: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the 50th anni-
2 versary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power
3 production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney La-
4 nier, Georgia.

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