

## Senate Resolution 825

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Lucas of the 26th, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Broken Shackle Ranch Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, founded in 1984 by Gary and Kathy Cobb, Broken Shackle Ranch Inc. has  
3 since provided more than 10,000 at-risk young men with comprehensive education and  
4 certified vocational training in construction, welding, automotive maintenance, culinary arts,  
5 grounds maintenance, and more; and

6 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization ensures that youth within the Georgia Department  
7 of Juvenile Justice and Division of Family & Children Services receive opportunities to  
8 develop job skills, learn behavioral coping, and eventually achieve independent living; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to academic and skills training, Broken Shackle Ranch Inc. offers  
10 sports, recreational outings, and volunteer projects to ensure that its residents live a balanced  
11 life and experience the joys of being a teenager; and

12 WHEREAS, for these young men, many of whom have histories of abuse from others,  
13 neglect, or substance abuse issues, Broken Shackle Ranch Inc. represents a much-needed  
14 environment for development that focuses on stability, safety, and structure; and

15 WHEREAS, although it normally takes between seven and 12 months to complete all  
16 program goals, Broken Shackle Ranch Inc. provides extended support for as long as is  
17 needed to achieve successful transition into independence; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished organization be  
19 appropriately honored.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend Broken Shackle Ranch Inc. for its decades of service on behalf of  
22 the most vulnerable of this state's youth and extend sincere best wishes for many more years  
23 of continued service.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Broken Shackle  
26 Ranch Inc.