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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Governor to Sign Bill Naming the Official State Mammal at Reese Road Leadership Academy**

**(Columbus, GA)**-Reese Road Leadership Academy hosts a celebration with the Governor on **Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 12:50 p.m.** in honor of the passing and signing of House Bill 70 (**HB 70**). Governor Nathan Deal is scheduled to sign HB 70, the legislation that officially names the *white-tailed deer* as the new state mammal during the celebration. Deal is expected to arrive at the school at **1:15 p.m.** Thursday to sign the bill, to make remarks and to take photos.

The white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is designated as the official Georgia state mammal. At the beginning of the school year, Kevin Green, a fourth grade, was working on a Cub Scout project to list a few of the official state symbols. The student learned that Georgia was one of at least three states that did not have an official state mammal. The fourth grade student shared the project with a team of first grade students and teachers who were eager to take on the project. They wrote a letter to Representative Carolyn Hugley (D-Columbus) to ask her to sponsor legislation to name an official state mammal.

Shuttle service is provided with *two pick-up times* and *two drop-off times* from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which is located at 4400 Reese Road.

**Shuttle Pick-Up Time** 12:15 P.M. and 12:30 P.M.

**Shuttle Return/Drop-Off Time** 2:00 P.M. and 2:15 P.M.

For more information, access <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20152016/HB/70>, or e-mail [communications@muscofee.k12.ga.us](mailto:communications@muscofee.k12.ga.us).

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