

## **Mo Thrash Honored for Work on Behalf of Children with Cancer**

*House resolution also honors third generation Eagle Scout*

**(ATLANTA, Mar. 19, 2010)** –The Georgia General Assembly has honored longtime Camp Sunshine board member Mo Thrash with resolutions commending him for his work on behalf of children with cancer. Since his son’s death in 1977 from leukemia at age 3, Mo has been dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer through his work with numerous community organizations. He has raised funds for cancer research and was instrumental in initiating state legislation which assures that children with cancer have access to clinical trials and the latest treatments for childhood cancer. This bill, named “Callaway’s Law,” after Mo’s son, was signed by Governor Zell Miller in 1998.

House Resolution 1125 was sponsored by Representative Calvin Hill. The Senate resolution, which was heard on March 18, was sponsored by Senator Chip Rogers. Both assemblymen represent Georgia’s 21<sup>st</sup> district. “I would like to recognize and commend Mr. Mo Thrash, who has devoted over 27 years to improving the lives of children with cancer and is a highly respected lobbyist on Capitol Hill,” said Representative Hill. “It is an honor for me to present Mo with this resolution in recognition of all the happiness he has brought to the many children he has served and for the inspiration he is to those around him.” Senator Rogers echoed the sentiment, stating ““Many of us have known Mo Thrash for his years of work at the Georgia Capitol. While I have worked with him to improve Georgia’s laws, I am more impressed with his dedication and endless service for Camp Sunshine. It is our pleasure to recognize Mo for his work with Camp Sunshine because this resolution is long overdue.”

The resolutions honoring Thrash were adopted in conjunction with House Resolution 1124, commending Camp Sunshine camper Trevor Rowell for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the most distinguished rank conferred by the Boy Scouts of America. Trevor is a third generation Eagle Scout; his father, Mark Rowell, and grandfather, Roger Rowell, also achieved the ranking. Only 1 in 97 Boy Scouts becomes an Eagle Scout. To earn his Eagle Scout rank, Trevor undertook rebuilding the entrance to the historic Shiloh United Methodist Church in Canton, Georgia, by adding a 20-foot-long wheelchair ramp and a large staircase on a concrete pad.

“We are so proud that Mo Thrash has been recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives and the Senate for his work with Camp Sunshine,” says Sally Hale, Executive Director of Camp Sunshine. “Since the beginning 27 years ago, Mo has been an inspiration to campers and counselors alike. His energy, enthusiasm and love abound. As a member of our board of directors, his leadership has been instrumental in the success and growth of our program. It was an honor to be present when Trevor and Mo were commended for their achievements.”

### ***About Camp Sunshine***

Camp Sunshine enriches the lives of children with cancer and their families through recreational, educational and support programs throughout the year. Programs allow children and families to share in similar experiences and to participate in activities that promote normal childhood development as they cope with the challenges of childhood cancer. Since 1983, Camp Sunshine has served children and families throughout the state of Georgia and is located in Decatur. For more information call 404.325.7979 or visit [www.mycampsunshine.com](http://www.mycampsunshine.com).

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