

Senate Resolution 863

By: Senators Marable of the 52nd, Dean of the 31st, Starr of the 44th, James of the 35th, Walker of the 22nd and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the assistance of the Governor and General Assembly of Tennessee in relation
2 to certain recent events affecting families in the Walker County, Georgia, area; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the bodies of hundreds of persons thought previously to have been properly
5 cremated in accordance with the wishes of their families were recently discovered in Walker
6 County, Georgia, in deplorable and shocking conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, these discoveries have brought immeasurable heartache to family members in
8 Walker County and surrounding areas in Georgia and Tennessee, and have led to the filing
9 of criminal charges against certain persons; and

10 WHEREAS, it appears that arrangements for disposition of many of the bodies which were
11 supposed to have been cremated may have been made originally through private funeral
12 homes located in Tennessee; and

13 WHEREAS, those affected family members and the government of this state are expending
14 great resources to accurately identify those bodies as rapidly as possible and would welcome
15 all possible assistance from private funeral homes not only in this state but also in nearby
16 areas of Tennessee which may have valuable information related to this effort.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA that the Governor and General Assembly of Tennessee are respectfully requested
19 to lend assistance by using all lawful means at their disposal to encourage and foster the
20 cooperation of private funeral homes in Tennessee with Georgia families and officials in the
21 efforts to accurately identify those bodies recently discovered in Walker County, Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Governor and General Assembly of
- 3 Tennessee.