

## Senate Resolution 15EX2

By: Senators Haines of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Ray of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 50<sup>th</sup> and Balfour of the 9<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the governing authorities of Gwinnett County, Barrow County, Oconee County, and  
2 Athens-Clark County to enact zoning and land use ordinances which support and are  
3 consistent with the development plans being offered by the Department of Transportation for  
4 the University Parkway portion of State Route 316; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, State Route 316/University Parkway extends from Interstate 85 in Gwinnett  
6 County through the length of Barrow County to the Athens Loop in Oconee County; and

7 WHEREAS, it connects many of the state's institutions of higher learning, including Emory  
8 University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University Center in Gwinnett County,  
9 and the University of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, developing high technology research is a state priority endorsed by the  
11 Governor, and State Route 316/University Parkway is essential in linking university  
12 technology research to the high technology research industry; and

13 WHEREAS, local government officials, business leaders, research scientists, and regional  
14 leaders view University Parkway as a vital transportation corridor with a tremendous  
15 potential for high quality economic development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has initiated and developed a comprehensive  
17 plan with strategic directives supporting the envisioned growth and development of a high  
18 technology research industry along the length of the corridor; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a crucial need for commitment, coordination, and cooperation between  
20 local and state government officials to ensure that the quality of life amenities and economic  
21 development opportunities inherent in this project are fully realized; and

1 WHEREAS, the implementation of the Department of Transportation's directives for  
2 University Parkway is dependent upon the support and cooperation of the governing  
3 authorities of the affected counties in enacting sign ordinances to protect the integrity of the  
4 corridor and in developing infrastructure, zoning, and land use plans that are consistent with  
5 the high quality development envisioned by the Department of Transportation.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the governing authorities of Gwinnett County,  
8 Barrow County, Oconee County, and Athens-Clarke County to pledge their full support and  
9 cooperation in implementing the Department of Transportation's plan for State Route  
10 316/University Parkway by exercising their authority in enacting appropriate and necessary  
11 ordinances relating to zoning and land use consistent with planned development for the  
12 corridor.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
14 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the boards of commissioners of Gwinnett,  
15 Barrow, Oconee, and Athens-Clarke counties.