

House Resolution 148

By: Representatives Hill of the 81st, Stoner of the 34th, Post 1, Buckner of the 82nd, Barnes of the 84th, Post 2, Bruce of the 45th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States of America to require the Federal Aviation
2 Administration to create areas of restricted airspace over the state capitol buildings of the
3 various states of the United States; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four passenger aircraft and were able
5 to fly two aircraft into the World Trade Center towers and another into the Pentagon with a
6 tragic loss of innocent lives; and

7 WHEREAS, but for the heroic efforts of the passengers of the fourth aircraft who gave their
8 lives to prevent the attack, another public building in Washington, D.C., perhaps the White
9 House or the Capitol, would have been attacked; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of these attacks was to instill terror in the American people through
11 attacks on what the terrorists believed to be the symbols of our country: the World Trade
12 Center towers representing the United States' economy and the Pentagon and other structures
13 in Washington, D.C., representing our government; and

14 WHEREAS, attacking symbolic buildings and structures is oftentimes a tactic employed by
15 terrorists to obtain the most visibility and most shock value for their efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, the state capitol buildings of the various states are symbolic buildings which
17 have little protection against a terrorist threat from the air and provide tempting targets for
18 such attacks; and

19 WHEREAS, the airspace over the White House and the Capitol in Washington, D.C., is
20 restricted, and only a limited number of aircraft on specific business with specific clearances
21 are permitted to operate in such airspace; and

1 WHEREAS, similar airspace restrictions over the state capitol buildings of the various states
2 would serve a similar purpose to the restricted airspace over the White House and the Capitol
3 in Washington, D.C.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Congress of the United States of America
6 to require the Federal Aviation Administration to create areas of restricted airspace over the
7 state capitol buildings of the various states of the United States.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
10 delegation to the Congress of the United States of America.