

House Resolution 265

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to create a network of bicycle lanes
2 throughout the state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the bicycle represents humankind's ingenuity in using mechanical advantage
4 to transform energy into motion efficiently, and the modern bicycle is both a practical tool
5 of transportation and an enjoyable recreational machine; and

6 WHEREAS, as a means of transportation, the bicycle is not polluting, does not contribute
7 to dependency on foreign or domestic oil, and greatly benefits the health of the rider, and as
8 a recreational device it provides the benefits of exercise, camaraderie, and joy of the
9 outdoors, and experience in other states shows that the bicycling industry can provide a
10 substantial economic benefit; and

11 WHEREAS, while segregated multiple use paths can be of some benefit, they are of limited
12 use to cyclists, while designated bicycle lanes along streets, roads, and highways are far less
13 expensive and more practical and could benefit both the urban bicycle commuter and the
14 recreational cyclist enjoying our scenic rural areas; and

15 WHEREAS, not only is Georgia currently woefully deficient in bicycle lanes, but also many
16 otherwise useful roads are made virtually unuseable by bicycles by the indiscriminate
17 placement of rumble strips on the road shoulder, and many of those routes could be
18 converted to corridors of linear parks traversing the state which would benefit everyone; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of this body feel that transportation, recreation, the tourist
20 industry, and the quality of life in Georgia would benefit if the Department of Transportation
21 identified and created a network of practical bicycle lanes and road shoulders suitable for
22 cycling throughout the state in both urban and scenic rural areas.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to make every
3 effort to establish a network of bicycle lanes and bicycle friendly road shoulders on urban
4 streets and rural roads throughout this state and to involve bicycle advocacy organizations,
5 urban planners, and tourist industry representatives in identifying practical and popular
6 routes.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of
9 Transportation.