

House Resolution 385

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd and James of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2003, as "Disabilities Day at the Capitol" and recognizing the
2 outstanding efforts and support that advocacy organizations around the state provide to
3 individuals with disabilities, their families, and the greater community at large to enhance
4 the quality of life for people with disabilities; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia there are over 1.4 million people over age five with
6 disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their families want to be part of the community but
8 often need opportunities for real homes, real jobs, real learning experiences, and real choices
9 in their lives; and

10 WHEREAS, people with disabilities want to live, learn, work, and play in their communities
11 first; and

12 WHEREAS, people with disabilities and their families value partnership and collaboration
13 with policymakers statewide in order to create systematic change and a society that values
14 all of its citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a need for opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their
16 families to address public policy issues such as the "Unlock the Waiting Lists" campaign,
17 accessible housing, supported employment, and long-term care.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize March 13, 2003, as "Disabilities Day at the Capitol" in
20 recognition of advocates, individuals with disabilities, and their family members to create
21 communities where individuals may live to their fullest potential by sponsoring activities that
22 promote the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of people with disabilities.