

House Resolution 855

By: Representatives Buckner of the 82nd, Lunsford of the 85th, Post 2, Dukes of the 136th,
Twiggs of the 8th, Black of the 144th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to provide
2 homeland security funding; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Georgia Homeland Security Task Force is to identify
4 the type of training that is needed for the brave men and women who will serve as first
5 responders in the event of a terrorist attack, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center
6 is ready to begin training these first responders; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Homeland Security Task Force has created training plans and
8 courses, only to discover that federal funds that were promised to help state and local
9 governments implement homeland security programs have been left out of the homeland
10 security budget; and

11 WHEREAS, the state has not set up a budget or provided staffing for the Task Force, and
12 while many Task Force members have volunteered their time and services, funding is
13 absolutely critical in order to implement appropriate training for first responders and to
14 purchase necessary equipment and supplies to be distributed to local agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, in the wake of September 11, 2001, it is absolutely imperative that the President
16 of the United States and the United States Congress provide funding to state and local
17 agencies so that first responders can be trained and equipment can be purchased so that we
18 can be ready to respond to the next terrorist attack.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 this body urges President George Bush and the United States Congress to provide homeland
21 security funding to state and local agencies.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable George Bush,
3 President of the United States, and members of the Georgia Congressional delegation.