

Senate Resolution 574

By: Senator Price of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to pass and the President of the United States to sign the
2 CLEAR Act; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, United States Representative Charlie Norwood has introduced in Congress
4 H.R.2671, entitled the Clear Law Enforcement for criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003,
5 which is otherwise known as the CLEAR Act; and

6 WHEREAS, the CLEAR Act clarifies and affirms that local and state law enforcement
7 officers have the authority to arrest and detain criminal and illegal aliens during the normal
8 course of their duties; and

9 WHEREAS, the CLEAR Act provides local and state law enforcement officers with
10 appropriate funding and training to enforce immigration laws and full access to a new
11 National Crime Information Center database containing the records of violators of
12 immigration law; and

13 WHEREAS, the CLEAR Act also creates a new system for the Bureau of Immigration and
14 Customs Enforcement to take custody, process, and remove illegal aliens and establishes a
15 system of accountability by requiring the federal government to either take custody of illegal
16 aliens or pay the locality to detain the aliens; and

17 WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 illegal aliens who have standing deportation orders that
18 cannot be located in our country presently, of whom 80,000 are convicted criminals; and

19 WHEREAS, there are only approximately 2,000 agents of the Bureau of Immigration and
20 Customs Enforcement presently available to seek out these illegal aliens and remove them
21 from our country; and

1 WHEREAS, local and state law enforcement officers are hampered in their enforcement of
2 the immigration laws presently due to confusion, lack of information, and lack of federal
3 resources to take illegal aliens when they are detained by local and state law enforcement
4 officers; and

5 WHEREAS, 112 members of Congress have signed on as co-sponsors of the CLEAR Act
6 and the CLEAR Act has been endorsed by a large number of national, regional, and local law
7 enforcement organizations including the National Sheriffs' Association, the Law
8 Enforcement Alliance of America, the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, the
9 Friends of Immigration Law Enforcement, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, and
10 the Connecticut Association of Women's Police.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 urge the United States Congress to pass the Clear Law Enforcement for criminal Alien
13 Removal Act of 2003 and the President of the United States to sign this Act into law.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
16 congressional delegation.