

Senate Resolution 575

By: Senators Cagle of the 49th, Moody of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of implementing
2 high-occupancy toll ("HOT") lanes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, traffic congestion along the highways is a significant and growing problem in
4 the metropolitan Atlanta area; and

5 WHEREAS, the general purpose lanes of highways are often clogged during rush hours,
6 while the existing HOV lanes are frequently underused; and

7 WHEREAS, opening existing HOV lanes to paying customers as HOT lanes is a potential
8 means to reduce traffic congestion and to benefit all highway users; and

9 WHEREAS, in particular, traffic congestion along the GA 400 Corridor could be reduced
10 significantly by the addition of HOV and HOT lanes.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Department of
12 Transportation is requested to undertake a comprehensive study of the feasibility of
13 implementing HOT lanes along the highways of the metropolitan Atlanta area and
14 implementing HOV and HOT lanes along the GA 400 Corridor. The Department of
15 Transportation is requested to make a report of its findings and recommendations to the
16 Senate Transportation Committee on or before December 1, 2004.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of
19 Transportation.