

House Resolution 986

By: Representative Buckner of the 109th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Billie Ann Wills, Ms. Wheelchair Georgia for 2004, and inviting her to appear
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on November 21, 2003, Billie Ann Wills of Talbotton, Georgia, was crowned
4 Ms. Wheelchair Georgia for 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, the Ms. Wheelchair Georgia program was begun in 1972 by Mr. George
6 Beckman, Jr., of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation Hospital as a forum for the
7 promotion of the achievements as well as the needs of mobility impaired persons; and

8 WHEREAS, interest and participation in the program has steadily increased over the past 30
9 years to include contestants from throughout the state ranging in age from 21 to 60 years; and

10 WHEREAS, in being selected Ms. Wheelchair Georgia, Ms. Wills demonstrated her superior
11 communication skills, outstanding accomplishments, and positive self-perception; and

12 WHEREAS, as Ms. Wheelchair Georgia, she has assumed the role of spokesperson for those
13 Georgians who are among the 53 million Americans with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, her intelligence, experience, and personal charm all qualify her for the unique
15 opportunity to educate and advocate for individuals with disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills, who holds a bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a master's
17 degree in counseling, is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the need to eliminate all
18 remaining barriers for disabled citizens in whatever form so that all citizens will be able to
19 lead productive and meaningful lives.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 Billie Ann Wills, Ms. Wheelchair Georgia for 2004, is honored and commended, and that she

1 is invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Billie Ann Wills.