

Senate Resolution 625

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Thomas of the 2nd and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging and expressing appreciation for the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* is the first state encyclopedia in the nation to
4 be designed and conceived exclusively for publication on the Internet; and

5 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* is available at no charge to anyone with an
6 Internet connection as well as through Georgia libraries, media centers, and public schools;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* tells Georgia's panoramic story – its
9 achievements, challenges, diversity, and signal developments; and

10 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will preserve for posterity the record and still
11 unfolding story of Georgia's people, places, institutions, and events; and

12 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will promote greater knowledge among middle
13 and high school students about Georgia's history, government, archaeology, culture, folk life,
14 arts, religion, business, industry, philanthropy, and sports; and

15 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will promote cultural travel and tourism and
16 thereby contribute to the economic development of our state; and

17 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will build a greater appreciation of Georgia by
18 emphasizing the whole state's history – of its towns, counties, cities, and communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will become the principal tool for people
20 outside of Georgia who want to know more about our state; and

1 WHEREAS, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* has been recognized by the National
2 Endowment for the Humanities as a national model; and

3 WHEREAS, the emphasis on readability and excellence will establish the *New Georgia*
4 *Encyclopedia* as a premier site on the World Wide Web.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body acknowledges
6 and expresses its appreciation to the Georgia Humanities Council, the Office of the
7 Governor, the University of Georgia Press, and the University System of Georgia/Galileo for
8 organizing, carrying out, and maintaining the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* for the people of
9 Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body acknowledges the invaluable financial support
11 extended to the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* by the State of Georgia, the Robert W. Woodruff
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13 BellSouth, the Peyton Anderson Foundation, the James Cox Foundation, the UPS
14 Foundation, and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the contributions of the editor, John
16 Inscoe, and the editorial staff of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*; the University of Georgia
17 Library; the University of Georgia history department; the librarians and archivists of
18 Georgia who provided access, information, and knowledge about Georgia; the writers, fact
19 checkers, and copy-editors; the institutional partners; Merrill-Hall New Media; and the
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21 *Encyclopedia* a reality.