

Senate Resolution 690

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Billie Ann Wills, Ms. Wheelchair Georgia for 2004; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, in being selected Ms. Wheelchair Georgia, Ms. Wills demonstrated her superior  
11 communication skills, outstanding accomplishments, and positive self-image; 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 the public and advocate on behalf of individuals with disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills, holds a bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a master's degree  
17 in counseling; and

18 WHEREAS, she is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the need to eliminate all  
19 remaining barriers for disabled citizens in whatever form so that all citizens will be able to  
20 lead productive and meaningful lives.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Billie Ann Wills, Ms.  
2 Wheelchair Georgia for 2004, is honored and commended.

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