

Senate Resolution 731

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Harp of the 16th, Moody of the 27th, Mullis of the 53rd, Smith of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to enact defense appropriations prior to other spending
2 legislation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation of our
4 United States federal government; and

5 WHEREAS, the men and women who now serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
6 Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard, and Reserves have shown great
7 courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources
8 to protect our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations bill
10 until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping
11 ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other
12 appropriations bills; and

13 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on America,
14 President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the defense appropriations
15 bill before passing other spending bills; and

16 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the spring of 2002 when it passed the defense
17 appropriations bill first, protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming
18 pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the United States
20 Congress is urged to continue to enact defense appropriations legislation before all other
21 spending bills in 2004 and in future years.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia congressional
- 3 delegation.