

House Resolution 1312

By: Representatives Thomas of the 43rd, Post 1, Bruce of the 45th, Orrock of the 51st, Dean of the 49th, and Sinkfield of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the establishment of the Bringing America Home Act, which is a
2 comprehensive bill to end homelessness that addresses issues of affordable housing, livable
3 income, civil rights protections, and health care for all; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, 3.5 million people, 39 percent of them children, currently experience
5 homelessness every year, with families among the fastest-growing sectors of the population;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Bringing America Home Act (H.R. 2897), currently pending in the 108th
8 Congress, is designed to end homelessness in the United States and includes housing, health,
9 income, and civil rights components; and

10 WHEREAS, the proposed legislation represents the most comprehensive initiative to date
11 to address modern homelessness and is based on research, data, and the experience of front
12 line providers and advocates; and

13 WHEREAS, the housing title of the bill increases funding for crucial programs to ensure
14 access to and creation of affordable housing; and

15 WHEREAS, the health title of the bill increases funding for crucial programs and includes
16 a Sense of Congress supporting the enactment of legislation to guarantee that every person
17 in the United States, including the over 42 million Americans without health insurance, has
18 access to comprehensive, quality, and affordable health care; and

19 WHEREAS, the income title of the bill includes a Sense of Congress supporting a Universal
20 Living Wage and livable incomes, Temporary Worker Fairness and Protection, Development
21 of a Self-Sufficiency Standard, and the establishment of a "Homebuild" Program; and

1 WHEREAS, in Georgia, an extremely low income household earning \$17,319.00, which is
2 30 percent of the area median income of \$57,730.00, can afford monthly rent of no more than
3 \$433.00, while the fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit is \$728.00; and

4 WHEREAS, a supplemental security income (SSI) recipient receiving \$552.00 per month
5 can afford monthly rent of no more than \$166.00, while the fair market rent for a
6 one-bedroom unit is \$619.00; and

7 WHEREAS, in Georgia, a worker earning a minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour must work 109
8 hours per week in order to afford a two-bedroom unit at the area's fair market rent.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body support the passage of the Bringing America Home Act of 2003,
11 currently pending in the 108th Congress, and its goals of ending homelessness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional
14 delegation.