

Senate Resolution 774

By: Senator Tolleson of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Georgia and recognizing Habitat for
2 Humanity Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia promotes and encourages the creation and revitalization
4 of sustainable and strong neighborhoods in partnership with counties, cities, and other local
5 communities and in conjunction with the independent and collective actions of private
6 citizens and organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, establishing a housing infrastructure strengthens neighborhoods and local
8 economies and nurtures the families who reside in them; and

9 WHEREAS, quality housing adds to a community's tax base and, without adequate housing,
10 the tax base declines; and

11 WHEREAS, for many families, a home is not merely shelter but also provides an opportunity
12 for growth, prosperity, and security; and

13 WHEREAS, home ownership is a cornerstone of the state's economy because it spurs the
14 production and sale of goods and services, generates new jobs, encourages savings and
15 investment, promotes economic and civic responsibility, and enhances the financial security
16 of all people in the State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, although the United States is the first nation in the world to make owning a
18 home a reality for a vast majority of its families, almost one-third of the families in the State
19 of Georgia are not homeowners; and

20 WHEREAS, a disproportionate percentage of families in the State of Georgia who are not
21 homeowners are low-income families; and

1 WHEREAS, the community building activities of neighborhood based nonprofit housing
2 organizations empower individuals to improve their lives and make communities safer and
3 healthier for families; and

4 WHEREAS, one of the best known nonprofit housing organizations is Habitat for Humanity,
5 which builds simple but adequate housing for less fortunate families and symbolizes the
6 self-help approach to home ownership; and

7 WHEREAS, located throughout the State of Georgia there are 85 Habitat for Humanity
8 affiliates, each of which is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt organization controlled by a locally
9 elected and voluntary board of directors; and

10 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has built and rehabilitated nearly 2,500 houses throughout
11 the State of Georgia and endeavors to complete another 500 homes by the end of 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity provides opportunities for people from every segment of
13 society to volunteer to help make the American dream a reality for Georgia families who
14 otherwise would not own a home.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 commend Georgia Habitat for Humanity affiliates and their many volunteers who give of
17 their time to make the American dream of home ownership a reality for those Georgia
18 families who otherwise would not be able to afford a simple, decent place in which to live
19 and raise their children; recognize September 18, 2004, as Habitat for Humanity Day; and
20 encourage all Georgians to work with their local Habitat for Humanity affiliates on that day,
21 helping to emphasize and focus on the importance of providing decent homes for all of the
22 people of this state.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Habitat for Humanity.