

House Resolution 1323

By: Representatives Smith of the 76th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Richardson of the 26th, Lunsford of the 85th, Post 2, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 2671, the "CLEAR Act of 2003"; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 400,000 individuals with standing deportation orders are
4 roaming the streets of this nation, of which number 80,000 are criminal aliens, and 3,800 are
5 from countries with a known al-Qaeda presence; and the federal government, with a mere
6 2,000 agents, does not have the manpower to track such individuals;

7 WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement agencies are not clear about their jurisdiction
8 over immigration laws, and it is fitting and proper to give the 600,000 state and local law
9 enforcement officers in this nation the clear authority, information, and resources they need
10 to help in the enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

11 WHEREAS, a recent poll indicated that 85 percent of Americans agree that Congress should
12 pass a law requiring state and local governments and law enforcement agencies to apprehend
13 and turn over illegal aliens with whom they come in contact to the federal authorities; and

14 WHEREAS, H.R. 2671, the "CLEAR Act of 2003," would clarify that state and local law
15 enforcement agencies have the inherent authority to detain criminal and illegal aliens within
16 the course of those agencies' regular duties, among other things.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body urge the Congress of the United States to enact the H.R. 2671, the
19 "CLEAR Act of 2003."

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of Georgia's
22 congressional delegation.