

Senate Resolution 830

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 begun 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 as well as 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 throughout the state ranging in age from 21 to 60 years; and

9 WHEREAS, in being selected Ms. Wheelchair Georgia, Ms. Wills demonstrated her superior  
10 communication skills, outstanding accomplishments, and positive self-perception; and

11 WHEREAS, as Ms. Wheelchair Georgia, she has assumed the role of spokesperson for those  
12 Georgians who are among the 53 million Americans with disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, her intelligence, experience, and personal charm all qualify her for the unique  
14 opportunity to educate and advocate for individuals with disabilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Wills, who holds a bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a master's  
16 degree in counseling, is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the need to eliminate all  
17 remaining barriers for disabled citizens in whatever form so that all citizens will be able to  
18 lead productive and meaningful lives.

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

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