

Senate Resolution 874

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Seabaugh of the 28th, Smith of the 52nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hall of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to establish a domestic energy policy that will ensure an
2 adequate supply of energy and the appropriate infrastructure; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the price of natural gas in the United States, already the highest in the industrial
4 world, has again spiked and shows continued volatility; and

5 WHEREAS, the current price of natural gas is equivalent to paying \$16.00 for a gallon of
6 milk, \$12.70 for a pound of ground beef, or \$9.21 for a gallon of gasoline; and

7 WHEREAS, abnormally high natural gas prices have been a \$111 billion unanticipated
8 burden on the economy of the United States over the past 18 months; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States is over reliant on natural gas in our national energy supply,
10 creating a tremendous imbalance between natural gas supply and demand; and

11 WHEREAS, the chemical and plastics industries of the United States, once leading exporters,
12 now have large trade deficits. Further, thousands of jobs in the Georgia chemical and
13 plastics industries are threatened since these industries use natural gas as a raw material; and

14 WHEREAS, the natural gas imbalance is not a free market problem. The high price of
15 natural gas is created by governmental policies that increase demand for natural gas while
16 impeding the development of a greater supply by discouraging more exploration and
17 production. The United States cannot correct the imbalance by the importation of natural
18 gas; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate supports a sound, rational, domestic energy policy.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the
21 United States Congress to enact legislation in the 108th Congress establishing a domestic

1 energy policy that will ensure an adequate supply of energy and the appropriate
2 infrastructure. Such energy policy should develop a concerted national effort to promote
3 greater energy efficiency, and produce a political consensus that will open promising new
4 areas for environmentally responsible natural gas production.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the President
7 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and
8 each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.