

House Resolution 676

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Smith of the 129th, Graves of the 12th, and Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Department of Transportation to proceed with the initiation in 2005 of a pilot
2 performance based asset maintenance project for highway maintenance; and for other
3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, like many states throughout the country today, is facing
5 tough challenges with transportation infrastructure; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation currently operates, maintains, and
7 improves the existing 19,853 miles of roads and highways in Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, vehicle miles traveled on our roadways in Georgia continue to increase, while
9 budgetary constraints make it more and more difficult to keep up with the overwhelming
10 needs of the traveling public; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has estimated that 20 percent of the
12 bridges in Georgia are either structurally obsolete or deficient; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Transportation are
14 attempting to meet these challenges and are deserving of support in fully exploring all
15 avenues for innovation and improvement; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the legislative committee governing the Department of Transportation budget
17 held a hearing in 2005 to hear testimony on "best practices" in other states including piloting
18 programs involving a "performance based asset management" approach to transportation
19 maintenance; and
- 20 WHEREAS, particularly the State of Florida's Department of Transportation has embarked
21 upon an asset management program for maintenance that has generated proven cost savings
22 of 17 percent without impacting the level of service; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has experienced problems with
2 hiring and retaining road maintenance employees, resulting in an impairment of necessary
3 preservation and maintenance in some areas of the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is committed to investigating new and innovative
5 means to save tax dollars while at the same time providing a high level of service to the
6 citizens of our state; and

7 WHEREAS, the commissioner of the Department of Transportation has during the past year
8 reviewed the feasibility of applying asset management concepts to highway maintenance in
9 Georgia.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body request the Department of Transportation to proceed with the
12 initiation in 2005 of a pilot performance based asset maintenance project for highway
13 maintenance in a location or district it deems most feasible for the benefit of the citizens of
14 the State of Georgia.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the
17 Department of Transportation.