

Senate Resolution 865

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Golden of the 8th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging electric utilities to consider building new nuclear power plants in Georgia; urging the
2 Public Service Commission to encourage such consideration; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, virtually all new power plants built in Georgia in the last 15 years are fueled by
4 natural gas, exposing electricity consumers to punishing price volatility; and

5 WHEREAS, nuclear power plants produce electricity at a stable price at high levels of safety
6 and reliability, while emitting no greenhouse or acid rain gases; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the 2005 Energy Bill that provides a number
8 of incentives encouraging electric utilities to pursue nuclear energy to reduce dependence on
9 energy supplies from unstable parts of the world.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 urge electric utilities in Georgia to study the feasibility of building new nuclear power plants
12 to serve the state's electricity customers.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service Commission is urged to take
14 appropriate measures (1) to encourage Georgia utilities to consider building nuclear power
15 plants and (2) to encourage utilities to take reasonable steps to maintain the nuclear
16 generation option in Georgia.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia electric utilities and to each
19 member of the Georgia Public Service Commission.