

House Resolution 1791

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Fleming of the 117th, Meadows of the 5th, Coan of the 101st, Yates of the 73rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal
2 Association for creating the Council of Local Governments; urging the Council of Local
3 Governments to address several issues that create conflict between cities and counties; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, cities and counties are important partners to the State of Georgia in providing
6 a high quality of life for residents across the state; and

7 WHEREAS, cities provide centers of commerce, a sense of place, a variety of municipal
8 services, and a government that is closest to the people; and

9 WHEREAS, county governments within Georgia have traditionally provided constitutionally
10 mandated services and have served as administrative units for the provision of state services;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the role of cities and counties has evolved over the years as state and local
13 governments have struggled to accommodate Georgia's swelling population; and

14 WHEREAS, actions of the General Assembly of Georgia have at times resulted in
15 duplication of services, competition for revenue, and confusion over the proper role of cities
16 and counties; and

17 WHEREAS, a few issues straining city-county relations surface each year in the legislature
18 prompted by attempts at state-wide solutions to local problems; and

19 WHEREAS, vibrant, prosperous, and responsive local governments working cooperatively
20 with one another and the state are vital to the future health and prosperity of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal
2 Association, acting through their respective Board of Managers and Board of Directors, have
3 created the Council of Local Governments as a forum for the elected officials participating
4 in each association to discuss areas of agreement and disagreement.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body commend the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and
7 the Georgia Municipal Association for their foresight in creating the Council of Local
8 Governments as a venue to openly and candidly address areas of conflict and to identify
9 areas where cities and counties can work together on a common and focused agenda.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Council of Local Governments to
11 address several of the top issues that create conflict between cities and counties, including
12 service delivery, local government revenues, and land use, and to make any
13 recommendations for legislative or administrative action.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Association County
16 Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, and the Council of Local
17 Governments.