

Senate Resolution 1357

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Moody of the 56th, Williams of the 19th, Brown of the 26th, Seabaugh of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Information Technology Department of the Georgia General Assembly;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2006 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly has been a
4 resounding technical success, thanks to the tireless dedication of the extraordinary men and
5 women of the Information Technology Department (IT); and

6 WHEREAS, their hard work began last August, when IT personnel began a massive effort
7 to replace aged equipment, including over 550 desktop and laptop computers, all networking
8 equipment in over 25 wiring closets, cabling, fiber optic cable, routers, switches, firewalls,
9 and email, file and print, and instant messaging systems; and

10 WHEREAS, as members convened in January, 2006, to begin their vital work on behalf of
11 the people of Georgia, they had access to many key new services from IT, including private
12 and public wireless service throughout the capitol and Coverdell Legislative Office Building
13 and an around-the-clock Help Desk ready to tackle any challenges that may come their way,
14 services that have been of immense value to everyone; and

15 WHEREAS, thanks to their incredible efforts, the Georgia General Assembly's network
16 reliably served members and staff with minimal interruptions, even when the rest of state
17 government had recently lost its Internet connectivity; and

18 WHEREAS, guided by the exceptional leadership of IT Director Mr. Scott M. Henry, the
19 following individuals, either staff members of the Georgia General Assembly or of the
20 department's primary vendor, Transparent Technology, have diligently worked either before
21 or during the session to make these extraordinary accomplishments possible: IT Deputy
22 Director Michael Bottoms, Jerry Spann, Kevin Stoll, Bridget Holsey, Brian Hurst, Steve
23 Blackmon, Bernie Perrotty, Gordon Rivers, Jason Bridges, Charlie Finn, David Underwood,

1 James McCarthy, Dell Claborn, LaMarcus Lawrence, Clint Smith, Jeanette Gowen, Michael
2 Monahan, and the Help Desk staff; and

3 WHEREAS, all the members of the Georgia General Assembly owe these talented
4 information technology professionals a tremendous debt of gratitude for their invaluable
5 assistance in ensuring that the 2006 Regular Session ran smoothly and successfully.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 join in commending the Information Technology Department of the Georgia General
8 Assembly on the superb work it has done to make this session an overwhelming technical
9 success.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the above-named members of the
12 Information Technology Department.