

House Resolution 50

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 129th, Jordan of the 77th, Parrish of the 156th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the United States Department of Justice to oppose the proposed unsolicited takeover
2 of Delta Air Lines; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines became an air passenger airline in 1928 and inaugurated service
4 to four cities in 1929; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Delta moved its worldwide headquarters to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1941 and
6 became the largest private employer serving Atlanta and Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Delta's headquarters and primary hub in Atlanta contribute more than \$14
8 billion annually to Georgia's economy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Delta has always stood for safe and reliable air transportation, distinctive
10 customer service, and hospitality from the heart; and
- 11 WHEREAS, on September 14, 2005, Delta took a necessary and responsible step to secure
12 its future by voluntarily filing to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the U. S. Bankruptcy Code;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, Delta and its employees have worked hard and made many sacrifices to regain
15 an industry position of strength and leadership; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Delta's tradition and commitment to Georgia's civic, cultural, and charitable
17 causes, both in financial terms and volunteerism, have remained steadfast despite the
18 challenges of bankruptcy; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Delta is on track to exit bankruptcy in the first half of 2007 as an independent,
20 stand-alone company.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Georgia and the employees of
3 Delta Air Lines, as well as the economic welfare of the entire region, for Delta to emerge
4 from bankruptcy as a stand-alone, independent company, and the members of this body stand
5 in opposition to any unsolicited takeover or merger attempt from anyone that may diminish
6 the importance of Delta as a major employer and corporate headquarters in Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the
9 United States and Delta Air Lines.