

Senate Resolution 74

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Brown of the 26th, Hooks of the 14th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia General Assembly Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Capitol is listed on the National Park Services National
4 Register of Historic Places and remains one of the most beautiful and well maintained
5 buildings in the state, thanks, in large part, to the tireless dedication of the extraordinary men
6 of the Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff; and

7 WHEREAS, their work is crucial to the daily functions of the Georgia State Senate and the
8 General Assembly as a whole with a myriad of duties including physical building
9 maintenance, electrical wiring, framing and building new offices, ornate woodworking,
10 keying all General Assembly space, painting all offices, producing all name badges and door
11 signs, and maintenance of the Senate and House voting and sound systems along with many
12 other important duties; and

13 WHEREAS, as the members of the General Assembly prepared to convene for the 2007
14 legislative session, the Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff worked day and night to prepare the
15 Capitol building, all offices, and both chambers in order for the legislators and staff to begin
16 their vital work on behalf of the people of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, between November 27, 2006, and January 15, 2007, this dedicated staff of six
18 has logged a commendable 1,016 hours above and beyond a normal work schedule, meaning
19 that in a six-week period, on average, each member of the Maintenance Staff has worked
20 over 169 hours or 21 full work days of overtime in order to ensure the General Assembly is
21 fully prepared to do business; and

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23 WHEREAS, thanks to their incredible efforts, the Georgia State Senate has seen many
24 technological improvements, including the installation of state of the art video conferencing
25 equipment, Crestron display equipment, and hallway display monitors for committee

1 schedules giving the Senate more flexibility and resources to complete the work of the
2 people; and

3 WHEREAS, guided by the exceptional leadership of a true renaissance man, Maintenance
4 Supervisor, Mr. Travis Hutchins, who has served the state since 1985, the following
5 individuals have diligently worked to make these extraordinary accomplishments possible:
6 Jerry McCoy (19 years of service), Steve Eakin (7 years of service), and Larry Mauldin (6
7 years of service), along with David Northup and Patrick Brown who, while still wet behind
8 the ears with 1 year of service each, have proven to be valuable assets to this important team;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, much of the difficult work this team is asked to do is done after normal work
11 hours and oftentimes requires the risk of life and limb, as Larry Mauldin can attest to after
12 he recently suffered severe electric burns which resulted in nine stitches; and

13 WHEREAS, all the members of the Georgia General Assembly owe these talented
14 professionals a tremendous debt of gratitude for their invaluable assistance in ensuring that
15 the State Capitol building as well as the General Assembly are as up to date and efficient as
16 possible.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 join in commending the Georgia General Assembly Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff on the
19 superb work it has done throughout the years and in recent months to prepare for the 2007
20 legislative session.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the above-named members of the Fiscal
23 Office Maintenance Staff.