

## House Resolution 251

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proclaiming March 6, 2007, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, cycling increases physical work capacity, significantly reduces harmful  
3 cholesterol levels, reduces obesity, and lessens the risk of heart disease and heart attacks; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association supports and encourages all metropolitan  
5 Atlanta cities to participate in the 2007 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol," departing from the  
6 cities of Decatur, Marietta, and Roswell during the 2007 legislative session; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association passed a resolution supporting the  
8 continued development of regional bike and pedestrian trails and for the creation of new  
9 trails and connectivity to existing trails; and
- 10 WHEREAS, GEORGIA BIKES! is a state-wide organization cosponsoring the "Georgia  
11 Rides to the Capitol" event, working to improve bicycling conditions, promoting bicycling  
12 throughout the state, and striving toward giving children, the general public, law enforcement  
13 officials, and cyclists more knowledge about bicycle rights, responsibilities, and safety; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation supports cycling as a cost-efficient  
15 means of transportation for Georgia's residents that is a means of congestion mitigation and  
16 environmentally friendly mobility; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation promotes working with local  
18 jurisdictions to improve cycling conditions by building or upgrading roads and facilities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation encourages economic development  
20 opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility; and

1 WHEREAS, access to facilities promoting bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhances the  
2 quality of life in Georgia's communities; and

3 WHEREAS, facilities that promote bicycle and pedestrian mobility, such as the Silver Comet  
4 Trail and Georgia PATHs, have proven to promote economic development and tourism  
5 surrounding the facilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Tour de Georgia, a sponsor of the 2007 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol," has  
7 drawn more than 2.3 million spectators and had a direct economic impact of \$26 million on  
8 the State of Georgia in 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, "Share the Road" specialty license plates have been issued and funds will go  
10 toward motorist and cyclist safety, education, and awareness programs.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body on behalf of the citizens of Georgia hereby proclaim March 6,  
13 2007, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day."

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 Metro Atlanta Mayors  
16 Association and organizers of the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol."