

House Resolution 457

By: Representatives Walker of the 107th, Byrd of the 20th, Oliver of the 83rd, Butler of the 18th, Bruce of the 64th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging the contributions of senior Georgians and establishing the week of February
2 26 through March 4, 2007, as "Senior Week at the Capitol"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are our most rapidly expanding resource with retirees moving
4 to Georgia from every state in the nation, increasing the population of older Georgians by a
5 projected 77 percent in 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, current and future senior Georgians contribute immeasurably to Georgia's
7 vitality by capitalizing on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to mentor the
8 children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure opportunities, and
9 participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly will benefit by hearing directly from older
11 Georgians about the concerns, needs, and abilities of this growing segment of the population;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in order to influence state policy and to improve the future of all Georgians,
14 senior Georgians need to understand our state's legislative process and become meaningfully
15 involved in it; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
17 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as "Senior Week at the Capitol"
18 to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the week of February 26 through March 4, 2007, shall be observed as "Senior Week at the
21 Capitol," and the members of this body extend their sincere welcome to Georgia's seniors and
22 look forward to this opportunity to discuss issues of particular importance to them.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on
3 Aging.