

Senate Resolution 586

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and expressing support for civic education in our public schools; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our constitutional democracy requires the continued participation of an engaged
4 citizenry to function effectively; and

5 WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that the civic mission of schools is essential to the
6 preparation of future citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, representative delegations from Georgia have participated in the Congressional
8 Conferences on Civic Education for the past four years and conference delegates have
9 affirmed the need for a renewed national and state commitment to civic education; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council for the Social Studies has developed a position paper,
11 "Teaching and Learning Social Studies in Georgia," that recognizes social studies as a vital
12 discipline and of critical importance to the development of citizens with the ability and
13 disposition to participate effectively in a democratic society.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, that the members of this body
15 endorse the continued participation in and the work of the Congressional Conference on
16 Civic Education and the position of teaching and learning social studies in Georgia as
17 presented by the Georgia Council for the Social Studies.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to transmit
19 appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia delegation to the Congressional
20 Conference on Civic Education and the Georgia Council for the Social Studies.