

House Resolution 1454

By: Representatives Walker of the 107th, Yates of the 73rd, Butler of the 18th, Pruett of the 144th, Cooper of the 41st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging the contributions of senior Georgians and establishing February 26 through
2 February, 28, 2008, as "Senior Days 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, an increasing number of older Georgians are grandparents finding themselves
7 in the position of utilizing their limited resources to raise their grandchildren; and

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

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

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

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 February 26 through February 28, 2008, shall be observed as "Senior Days at the Capitol,"

1 and the members of this body extend their sincere welcome to Georgia's seniors and look
2 forward to this opportunity to discuss issues of particular importance to them.

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