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Senate Resolution 1077

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd and Moody of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proclaiming March 11, 2008, 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 2008 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol," departing from the
- 6 cities of Decatur and Roswell during the 2008 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
- 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

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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, as presented by AT&T, a sponsor of the 2008 "Georgia
- 7 Rides to the Capitol," has drawn more than 2.8 million spectators and had a direct economic
- 8 impact of \$27.6 million on the State of Georgia in 2007; 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 SENATE that the members of this body
- on behalf of the citizens of Georgia hereby proclaim March 11, 2008, as "Georgia Rides to
- 13 the Capitol Day."
- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 15 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association and
- 16 the organizers of "Georgia Rides to the Capitol."