

House Resolution 1486

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 62nd, Jackson of the 142nd, Brooks of the 63rd, Johnson of the 37th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all law enforcement officers in the State of Georgia to write legibly when issuing
2 citations; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is imperative that citizens of this state can read the information on a traffic
4 or other citation in order to be apprised of the charges and against them and how to respond
5 in a timely fashion; and

6 WHEREAS, some citizens have missed scheduled court dates because they were unable to
7 read the law enforcement officer's writing; and

8 WHEREAS, some citizens have been unable to present a defense to a charge because they
9 cannot decipher the officer's writing and can not question the officer because they are also
10 unable to read his name; and

11 WHEREAS, it would be of great benefit to the citizens of this state, as well as the law
12 enforcement community, if the law enforcement officers in this state would take the time to
13 write legibly when issuing a citation for a violation of the law.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body urge law enforcement officers in this state to write legibly when
16 issuing a citation.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Public
19 Safety, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), and the Georgia
20 Municipal Association (GMA) for distribution to the law enforcement officers of this state.