

Senate Resolution 1334

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging counties and cities in Georgia to take steps to designate cemeteries that are at least
2 50 years old as historic landmarks and to assist in their maintenance; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cemeteries from past generations have for many years played an important role
4 in Georgia's history, and it has never been more important to take steps to preserve them; and

5 WHEREAS, rapid growth and development in conjunction with the dilution of respect and
6 reverence for cemeteries by some, has played a part in the demise of many cemeteries from
7 neglect, abandonment, and vandalism; and

8 WHEREAS, all gravesites, whether of people rich or poor, famous or unknown, deserve
9 respect and protection; and

10 WHEREAS, there are laws in place in Georgia that authorize counties and cities to designate
11 certain structures and sites significant to Georgia's culture, history, and heritage as historic
12 landmarks; and

13 WHEREAS, a historic cemetery embodies the essence of a place that tells stories of such
14 culture, history, and heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, if our counties and cities take steps to designate our historic cemeteries as
16 historic landmarks in conjunction with the communities where such cemeteries are located,
17 they could work together to preserve a great part of Georgia's history.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 urge the counties and cities of this state to designate their historic cemeteries as historic
20 landmarks and to partner with the communities where such cemeteries are located to assist
21 in the upkeep of such cemeteries.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit electronically an appropriate copy of this resolution to the governing entities of
24 the counties and cities of Georgia.