

## Senate Resolution 1159

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Mullis of the 53rd, Brown of the 26th, Stoner of the 6th, Davis of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue funding  
2 public transportation for the elderly and disabled residents of Georgia; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners contracted with the  
5 Georgia Regional Transportation Authority to manage a local bus system for Clayton County  
6 named C-Tran; and

7 WHEREAS, C-Tran links bus routes to the MARTA, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta  
8 International Airport, and major commercial and academic centers in the county; and

9 WHEREAS, this greatly used public transportation service provides essential transportation  
10 for low-income residents and life-sustaining transportation for the elderly and the disabled;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this important public infrastructure will be forced to stop operations due to a  
13 lack of public funding by the federal government and United States Congress, which has  
14 decided to cut off all federal public funding for this public transportation program; and

15 WHEREAS, the need for transportation improvements increases daily and places a strain on  
16 our state's limited financial resources; and

17 WHEREAS, the C-Tran bus system provides an estimated 2.1 million rides a year, thereby  
18 helping to support the area's health and safety, keeping people gainfully employed, and  
19 supporting local businesses and the state's overall economic stability; and

20 WHEREAS, public transportation not only serves to ease the traffic congestion in  
21 metropolitan areas by providing reliable alternative transportation but also benefits the  
22 citizens throughout this state by supporting economic development in Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 hereby urge the United States Congress to assist Georgia by continuing federal funding of  
25 public transportation for the elderly and disabled of Georgia and, particularly, to continue to  
26 help fund the much needed C-Tran system of Clayton County, Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama and each  
29 member of the Georgia congressional delegation.