

Senate Resolution 487

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Buckner of the 44th, Tarver of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Thomas of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, established in 1998, the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness is a
3 composite of blind and visually impaired individuals, blindness organizations, agencies that
4 serve the blind, and other interested parties; and
- 5 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired Georgians benefit from the advocacy and resource
6 information provided by the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness; and
- 7 WHEREAS, twice a year, people who are blind or visually impaired and other interested
8 parties gather to collaborate, advocate, and initiate resolutions addressing concerns of the
9 blind or visually impaired in the areas of provision of services, transportation, employment,
10 education, and policy; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the organization's leadership consists of several committed individuals: Alice
12 Ritchart, Coalition Chairperson, Policy Committee Chairperson, and Transportation
13 Committee Chairperson; Vice Chairperson McArthur Jarrett; Secretary Kay McGill;
14 Communications Secretary Stephanie Scott; Employment Committee Chairperson Teresa
15 Brenner; and Education Committee Chairperson Anil Lewis; and
- 16 WHEREAS, most participants in the coalition have been blind since birth, are deaf-blind, or
17 are visually impaired and strive to advocate for improved services for the blind; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the platform derived from the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness is
19 invaluable, and it is only proper that this great organization be recognized and honored.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend the Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness for its great contribution to the

22 citizens of Georgia and their tireless advocacy and work on behalf of visually impaired
23 Georgians.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Statewide Coalition on
26 Blindness.