

Senate Resolution 570

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Brown of the 26th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing support for comprehensive immigration reform and requesting that the United
2 States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair and ineffective immigration
3 policies; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of
5 the great State of Georgia and the United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life of
7 our country, our state, and our cities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform policies must recognize the contribution of
9 newcomers, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their families play in
10 the future growth of our nation, state, and cities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and international
12 business and efforts to recruit international visitors must be supported; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in order to best ensure our nation's security, our immigration enforcement
14 measures must be effective, fair, and humane; and
- 15 WHEREAS, proposals which would expand enforcement of federal immigration laws to
16 local law enforcement agencies, require employers to participate in flawed employment
17 verification systems, and jeopardize the due process rights of our nation's residents are
18 ineffective approaches to protecting our national security and the safety of our neighborhoods
19 and communities; and
- 20 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform should provide immigrant workers and their
21 families with an opportunity to obtain legal permanent residency and eventually United
22 States citizenship, through an earned legalization program with fair and reasonable

23 requirements and include provisions to reunify families and reduce the immigration family
24 backlog; and

25 WHEREAS, it is necessary that legislation aimed to reform immigration laws provide
26 law-abiding undocumented high school students a meaningful opportunity to pursue higher
27 education and actively further the civic integration of newcomers by promoting
28 naturalization and making more resources available for English-as-a-Second-Language and
29 civics instruction; and

30 WHEREAS, any legislation considered must address the fundamental cause of migration to
31 the United States, which is the need for sustainable social and economic development in the
32 communities where migrants originate.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 request that the United States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair and
35 ineffective immigration policies.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body request that the United States
37 Congress enact comprehensive immigration reform that includes all of the important above
38 mentioned facets.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
41 congressional delegation.