

Senate Resolution 1007

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of jury service to the safe guards of justice and freedom; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the right to trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship; and

4 WHEREAS, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our
5 democracy as the right to vote; and

6 WHEREAS, our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors, and service by citizens as
7 jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and

8 WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

9 WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader
10 community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly
11 burdensome to anyone; and

12 WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show
13 appreciation for the jury system and for the hundreds of thousands of citizens who annually
14 give their time, talents, and energy to serve on juries; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate is committed to educating the public about jury duty and the
16 importance of jury service, applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty,
17 providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making, and continuing to improve
18 the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials; and

19 WHEREAS, further, this body is invested in ensuring that the responsibility of jury service
20 is shared fairly by supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors and that a fair

21 cross section of the community is called for service and that all jurors are treated with respect
22 and that their service is not unduly burdensome.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the dedicated efforts of citizens who serve as jurors and recognize the important
25 role a citizen jury plays in the American justice system.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the press and the public.