

Senate Resolution 233

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to install sound barriers on I-95 near Blythe Island;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, I-95 runs through Glynn County and along some of its residential
4 neighborhoods, including Blythe Island; and

5 WHEREAS, traffic along I-95 produces a substantial amount of noise; and

6 WHEREAS, I-95 has a particularly strong impact on two sections of Blythe Island where the
7 noise produced from traffic can be heard throughout the day; and

8 WHEREAS, these conditions adversely impact the quality of life and property values of
9 residents in the Blythe Island area; and

10 WHEREAS, the recent widening of I-95 has brought these conditions even closer to
11 residential areas of Blythe Island; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has the authority to install sound
13 barriers along I-95 that can significantly reduce the effect that such noise has on neighboring
14 residences; and

15 WHEREAS, other residential areas of Glynn County have benefitted tremendously from the
16 installation of sound barriers by the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation's application of the guidelines
18 pertaining to the installation of sound barriers has led to the denial of a request for the
19 installation of such barriers in and around the Blythe Island area and has left these residents
20 with little or no hope that the conditions affecting them will improve.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 support the installation of sound barriers along two sections of I-95 that run next to
23 residential areas of Blythe Island.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation is requested
25 to reconsider the feasibility of sound barriers for these two sections of I-95.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the State Transportation Board, the
28 commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Glynn County Board
29 of Commissioners.