

House Resolution 569

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Oliver of the 83rd, Drenner of the 86th, Lindsey of the 54th, Geisinger of the 48th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Tuesday, March 22, 2011, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day"; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cycling increases physical ability, significantly reduces harmful cholesterol
4 levels, reduces obesity, and lessens the risk of heart disease and heart attacks; and

5 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association supports and encourages all metropolitan
6 Atlanta cities to participate in the 2011 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" campaign, departing
7 from the cities of Decatur and Roswell during the 2011 legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association passed a resolution supporting the
9 continued development of regional bike and pedestrian trails and for the creation of new
10 trails and connectivity to existing trails; and

11 WHEREAS, GEORGIA BIKES, Southern Bicycle League, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, and
12 Bike Roswell are organizations cosponsoring the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" event,
13 working to improve bicycling conditions, promoting bicycling throughout the state, and
14 striving toward giving children, the general public, law enforcement officials, and cyclists
15 more knowledge about bicycle rights, responsibilities, and safety; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation supports cycling as a cost-efficient
17 means of transportation for Georgia's residents, also serving as a means of traffic congestion
18 mitigation and environmentally friendly mobility; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation promotes working with local
20 jurisdictions to improve cycling conditions by building or upgrading roads and facilities and
21 encourages economic development opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian
22 mobility; and

23 WHEREAS, access to facilities promoting bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhances the
24 quality of life in all Georgia communities.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body declare Tuesday, March 22, 2011, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol
27 Day" and commend the efforts of local and state officials to improve cycling trails and
28 promote cycling as a viable alternative mode of transportation.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Metro Atlanta Mayors
31 Association and the organizers of the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" event.