

House Resolution 603

By: Representatives Brockway of the 101st, Harrell of the 106th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Pak of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's political bloggers for their continued role in promoting openness and
2 transparency in government at every level and recognizing March 16, 2011, as Blogger Day
3 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, political blogs offer a vehicle for Georgians to assert their constitutional rights
5 of free speech and free press; and

6 WHEREAS, political blogs promote an interest in government and the political process; and

7 WHEREAS, political blogs are vital to the public discourse as they provide attention to the
8 lesser known issues facing government at every level; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia's political bloggers frequently receive and accept invitations by
10 traditional media outlets to pen opinion columns in newspapers, appear on talk radio
11 programs, and participate in panels on television news networks; and

12 WHEREAS, through their opinion columns and radio and television appearances, Georgia's
13 political bloggers lend their voices to public policy debates on the state, local, and national
14 levels; and

15 WHEREAS, elected officials frequent political blogs to communicate with concerned
16 citizens about the work done on the people's behalf in the halls of government; and

17 WHEREAS, through their advocacy on certain issues, political blogs steer the debate in the
18 halls of government; and

19 WHEREAS, several political bloggers joined the debate in the halls of government, offering
20 themselves up for service on their local city councils, county commissions, and the Georgia
21 General Assembly; and

22 WHEREAS, countless political blogs like Atlanta Unfiltered, Blog for Democracy, Georgia
23 Politico, Georgia Unfiltered, Heneghan's Dunwoody Blog, Looking Under The Gold Dome,
24 JasonPye.com, Peach Pundit, Peanut Politics, SWGA Politics, and That's Just Peachy
25 regularly keep the citizens of this state briefed on the inner workings of government at every
26 level; and

27 WHEREAS, the growth of political blogs in Georgia fosters democracy and discourse with
28 the state's elected officials, and their contributions to this state are worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Georgia's political bloggers for their unique role in
31 promoting openness and transparency in government at every level and recognize March 16,
32 2011, as Blogger Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dustin Baker, Grayson
35 Daughters, Charlie Harper, John Heneghan, Melanie Goux, Keith McCants, Baker Owens,
36 Jason Pye, Jeff Sexton, Andre Walker, and Jim Walls.