

Senate Resolution 695

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Chance of the 16th, Crane of the 28th and Jeffares of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Southwest Airlines on its expansion into Atlanta and
2 Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the busiest in the world; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines, based in Dallas, Texas, is the busiest passenger airline in
4 the United States with 3,400 flights a day; and

5 WHEREAS, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport carried more than 89 million
6 passengers in 2010, and flights for the first six months of 2011 were up 3.7 percent compared
7 to 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, following their acquisition of AirTran Airways, who have had a hub in Atlanta
9 for many years, Southwest will now service this state and region; and

10 WHEREAS, with their expansion of services on February 12, 2012, Atlanta will have access
11 to 15 new routes to airports, including Baltimore, Chicago Midway, Denver, and Houston
12 and Austin, Texas: and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Fulton County are excited to connect with the
14 Southwest Airlines network of 563 aircrafts and 73 destinations within the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, AirTran Airways employs more than 8,000 employees nation wide, with 7,000
16 in Atlanta alone, and operates a mainline fleet of more than 140 aircrafts, and the AirTran
17 pilots, flight attendants, and mechanics are excited about joining the Southwest family; and

18 WHEREAS, Southwest has built a reputation as the nation's most outstanding low fare
19 airline, one that Atlanta, Georgia, is proud to have now servicing their airport.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize and commend Southwest Airlines on its expansion into Atlanta and extend their
22 best wishes for continued success in the future.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Southwest Airlines.