

Senate Resolution 710

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Crosby of the 13th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of senior Georgians and recognizing February 20 to February
2 26, 2012, as Senior Week at the capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are our most rapidly expanding resource, with retirees moving
4 to Georgia from every state in the nation and increasing the population of older Georgians
5 by 45 percent since 2000, while the general population has increased only 18 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, senior Georgians contribute immeasurably to Georgia's vitality by capitalizing
7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in their
8 communities, mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure
9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and
11 their families about the concerns, needs, and abilities to serve this growing segment of the
12 population; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to influence state policy and to improve the future of all Georgians,
14 seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in the state's legislative
15 process; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
17 of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the capitol to
18 raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 acknowledge the contributions of senior Georgians and recognize the week of February 20
21 to February 26, 2012, as Senior Week at the capitol.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on Aging.