

House Resolution 1237

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Meadows of the 5th, Sheldon of the 105th, Hill of the 21st, Roberts of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal government to cease the collection of motor fuel taxes in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation was established by an act of
4 Congress on October 15, 1966, and its first official day of operation was April 1, 1967; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the department is to serve the United States by ensuring a fast,
6 safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system that meets its vital national
7 interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the main mission of the department has largely been fulfilled by the completion
10 of the federal interstate highway system; and

11 WHEREAS, state and local governments are faced with difficult decisions regarding local
12 transportation needs on a continuing and ever-increasing basis; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal motor fuel taxes charged to the citizens of Georgia are needlessly
14 sent to the federal government before being returned to the state government; and

15 WHEREAS, federal restrictions, mandates, and spending requirements prevent the citizens
16 of Georgia from setting their own transportation priorities.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body urge that funds collected under the federal gas tax be immediately
19 available to individual states to fund their transportation needs and urge the federal
20 government to cease the collection of motor fuel taxes in Georgia so that the state can collect
21 and distribute the taxes without delay caused by federal collection and disbursement.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the
24 United States Department of Transportation and the congressional delegation of the State of
25 Georgia.