

Senate Resolution 801

By: Senators Albers of the 56th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing the utilization of incarcerated inmates to staff municipal and county fire stations;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, firefighters have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that they have played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, historically, the Georgia Fire Service has supported the Georgia Department of
7 Corrections inmate firefighter program; and

8 WHEREAS, recent economic conditions have precipitated the expansion of inmate
9 utilization outside the inmate firefighter program; and

10 WHEREAS, by authorizing incarcerated felons to serve as firefighters a considerable risk
11 is created concerning public trust and confidence; and

12 WHEREAS, the firefighters of Georgia have dedicated themselves to the protection of life
13 and property from the beginning of their training at the Georgia Fire Academy through their
14 cooperation with the state fire marshal in the investigation of fires and their causes; and

15 WHEREAS, by rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, this state's
16 firefighters help to assure an orderly society and enhance the citizenry's sense of security.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 oppose the utilization of incarcerated inmates to staff municipal and county fire stations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the public and the press.