

Senate Resolution 842

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Paris of the 26th, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Student Finance Commission to provide the General Assembly with the
2 necessary data and information to assess whether the HOPE scholarship program is meeting
3 its desired results; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the HOPE scholarship program was created to provide needed assistance to
5 outstanding scholars in this state and to keep those scholars in state schools; and

6 WHEREAS, through the years, HOPE has become one of the preeminent scholarship
7 programs in the nation and a source of pride for Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, many students have benefitted from the HOPE program and have obtained an
9 education that they would not otherwise have been able to afford; and

10 WHEREAS, in recent years, the HOPE program has undergone a strain due to increasing
11 costs and flat revenues, and the General Assembly has had to make many modifications to
12 the program to ensure its fiscal soundness; and

13 WHEREAS, the results of these adjustments may be impacting some students in a
14 disproportionate manner, but the General Assembly cannot assess that impact without solid
15 data and information; and

16 WHEREAS, in particular, the General Assembly needs accurate demographic data and
17 information on its HOPE scholarship recipients.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Georgia Student
19 Finance Commission is urged to provide the General Assembly with accurate demographic
20 data and information on HOPE scholarship recipients to include, but not be limited to,
21 gender, race, and geographic location, with a separate breakout with regard to Zell Miller
22 Scholars.

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 the Georgia Student Finance
25 Commission.