

Senate Resolution 1243

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

### 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
18 urge that funds collected under the federal gas tax be immediately available to individual  
19 states to fund their transportation needs and urge the federal government to cease the  
20 collection of motor fuel taxes in Georgia so that the state can collect and distribute the taxes  
21 without delay caused by federal collection and disbursement.

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 Commissioner of the United States  
24 Department of Transportation and the congressional delegation of the State of Georgia.